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RUMANIA CIVIL WAR RUMOURS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Civil war has broken out in Rumania, it has reported in Budapest yesterday, as General Antonescu, the Premier, and loyal regular army troops strive to quell a rebellion of Iron Guards, Communists and peasants.

Heavy machine-gunfire was heard from the frontier all night, and refugees say fighting began in some towns on Saturday and flared into a nationwide rebellion on Sunday.

They say General Antonescu formally declared all Iron Guards enemies of the state and rushed his best troops into action, holding tank units in readiness.

The issue seems to be a demand for the return of territory ceded to Hungary and Bulgaria under the Vienna Arbitration last year.

It is understood that further precautions following General Antonescu's refusal to accept the offer of Horla Sima of Iron Guard collaboration with the Government, provoked the crisis. —International News Service.

SPAIN FLIRTING WITH AXIS?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It is persistently reported in Madrid that the Spanish Cabinet is on the verge of a decision of the utmost importance.

Neutral sources are speculating on the possibility of Spain announcing cooperation with the Axis and possibly aid in an assault on Gibraltar or an invasion of Portugal or seizure of the Azores for use as a U-boat base.

It is not believed Spain would actively aid the war but would assume a role of passive acquiescence, not blocking Axis moves. —International News Service.

IL DUCE-HITLER MEETING SCOUTED

Without giving a direct denial, a statement made in political circles in Berlin yesterday implies that the rumour concerning an imminent meeting between Hitler and Mussolini is quite unfounded. —Reuter.

Situation Likely To Be Serious For Two More Days

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

IT IS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED IN ATHENS THAT THE ANGLO-GREEK FORCES ARE HOLDING THE ENTIRE "MODIFIED" LINE INTACT AND ARE REPULSING REPEATED REINFORCED ITALO-GERMAN ATTACKS SUPPORTED BY HUNDREDS OF GERMAN PLANES.

It is reported that Hitler is "sacrificing the lives of thousands" of German soldiers in a ceaseless hammering with the aim of attempting a quick victory.

Despite desperate German mechanised efforts to achieve victory on Hitler's birthday, the enemy failed to break through the new Allied lines at any point.

It is further stated that the retreating Greek troops in Albania completely repelled two fierce Italian assaults despite support by German Stuka dive-bombers. —International News Service.

Larissa And Trikkala Evacuated

Continuing their systematic withdrawal in Greece the Imperial forces have now evacuated Larissa and Trikkala but the Germans have failed to break through the Allied line at any point, according to latest information reaching headquarters in Cairo.

THE SITUATION IS DESCRIBED AS STILL SERIOUS AND LIKELY TO REMAIN SO FOR A DAY OR TWO. THE GERMAN ADVANCE HAS BEEN EFFECTED AT THE COST OF HEAVY LOSSES

A "cautious" German advance is recorded in a communique issued by headquarters of the British forces in Greece yesterday.

Our Casualties Light

It says: "Despite continuous bombing the ordered withdrawal of our forces, to new positions continues and is nearing completion."

"The enemy is advancing very cautiously, partly owing to bad roads and largely because of the rough handling he has received whenever in contact with our men. Our casualties are light."

VICHY CABINET SHUFFLE?

The possibility of a reshuffle of Marshal Pétain's Cabinet is being discussed in Vichy, according to information from the French frontier received in London yesterday.

The German successes in North Africa and the Balkans, it says, appear to have strengthened the position of those favouring closer collaboration with Germany but it is unlikely that Pierre Laval will be recalled to the Cabinet as he is still very unpopular.

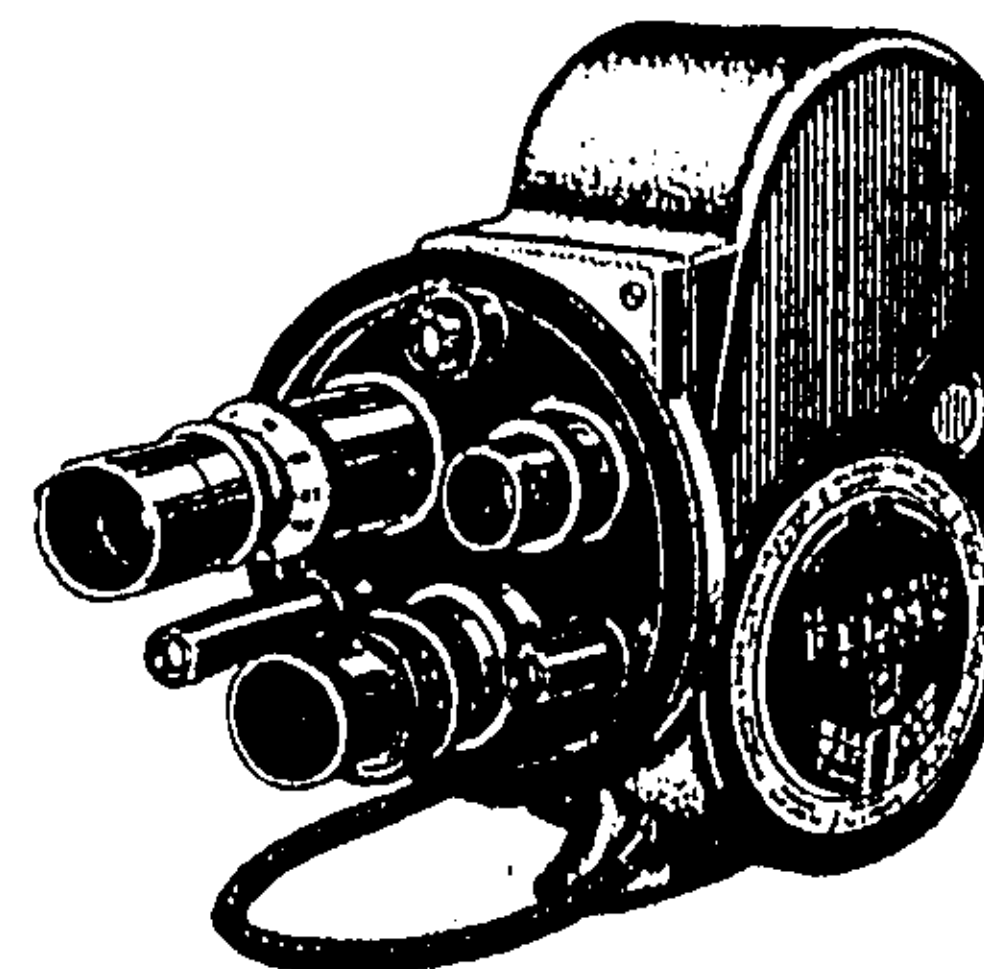
ONE POSSIBILITY IS Laval's APPOINTMENT AS AMBASSADOR IN PARIS IN REPLACEMENT OF THE COMTE DE BRINON.

He would then be the head of the French delegation with the task of speeding up collaboration with the Armistice Commission, which would be transferred to Paris from Wiesbaden. —Reuter.

DEATH OF FRITZ THYSEN REPORTED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") The London "Times," in a despatch from Vichy, reports that Fritz Thyssen, the German industrialist, has died in concentration camp. —International News Service.

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Carry On Until Victory, Says New Greek Premier

BROADCAST TO NATION

"The Government takes on the administration of the country without hesitation. We shall carry on our country's fight to a victorious finish," declared M. Emmanuel Tsouderos, the new Greek Prime Minister, in a message to the nation, according to Athens radio last night.

M. Tsouderos paid a tribute to Greece's glorious dead, and continued: "The whole nation will continue the struggle until Greece, the Balkans and Europe are free of the invaders."

"Greeks, take courage. Let none in Greece be found lacking in spirit. I call upon you all to believe in victory and to remain calm in the face of danger or difficulty."

The Greek Prime Minister paid a tribute to the British people, whose sons were fighting for Greece in the cause of justice.

"Behind Britain stands the United States of America, holding up the unquenchable torch of liberty from which light and strength the peoples of the world will in due time be inspired for the organisation of their mutual solidarity against the rape of their freedom and tranquility by medieval criminals."

"With such allies and friends, and with the force of our own purpose, we are sure the Right will prevail. Greece takes courage."—Reuter.

Surprise Appointment

The Greek Foreign Minister, M. Emmanuel Tsouderos, was unexpectedly appointed Prime Minister yesterday in succession to the late Dr. Korizis.

M. Tsouderos took the oath of allegiance at midday yesterday.

Remainder of the Cabinet is unchanged. —Reuter.

BRITAIN'S NEED OF DOCTORS

The Minister of Health, Mr. Ernest Brown, thanked President Roosevelt yesterday for supporting the British Red Cross appeal for American doctors to serve with the British fighting services and civilian hospitals.

In a message issued to the press Mr. Brown said "Most sincerely do I thank Mr. Roosevelt. Our need for such reinforcement is urgent and I assure all who join up in our great cause that they will receive a warm welcome from us and will form an integral part of our own services."

The Health Ministry spokesman explained that British doctors at the beginning of the war had rushed to the colours and so many were now serving with the forces that the authorities felt the civilian population was being endangered, hence the appeal to the United States, which President Roosevelt, as President of the American Red Cross, endorsed.—Reuter.

VON PAPEN SEES HITLER IN BALKANS

The German Ambassador to Turkey, von Papen, has been received by Hitler at his itinerant headquarters in the Balkans, according to news reaching Vichy from Swiss sources yesterday, says Reuter.

AMERICA & CANADA COOPERATE

Mr. Mackenzie King, the Canadian Premier, returned to Ottawa from the United States yesterday and declared that his visit, in which he arranged for the joint utilisation of United States and Canadian resources, proved "much better than a holiday."

Officials expect the arrangement to benefit both countries immensely and means that Canada's exchange problem has been solved for the duration of the war.

According to general interpretation in Ottawa, the United States will accommodate Canada for lack of dollar exchange by accepting a larger volume of Canadian materials and by providing Canada under the Lease and Lend Act with materials entering into equipment and munitions destined for the United Kingdom.

Canada's adverse payments balance to the United States in the last 12 months is unofficially estimated at \$325,000,000.—Reuter.

PORTUGUESE MAKE ARRESTS

Eight, including a retired colonel, have been arrested in Lourenco Marques, Portuguese East Africa, for alleged "subversive and unpatriotic activities." They will be deported to Lisbon. —Reuter.



Deserted Bardia.

KING PETER SAFE: STRUGGLE NOT ABANDONED

"I DO NOT MEAN to abandon the struggle," said King Peter in a farewell proclamation to his people on the day of his departure from Yugoslavia.

Assuring them he would continue to fight until he could return in triumph to national soil, the young King wrote: "Although I am obliged to abandon our national soil in the face of superior enemy forces, I do not mean to abandon the struggle."

"The honour of our flag has been saved."

"Following the example of my great ancestors, I shall until my very last breath hold high the banner of Yugoslavia."

The proclamation also stated that the King and Government left Yugoslav soil so that it should not be said that the lawful representatives of the people had capitulated. —Reuter.

King Peter Now In Jerusalem

King Peter of Yugoslavia has arrived in Jerusalem from Athens, according to a Jerusalem despatch to the Vichy news agency yesterday.

He is stated to be accompanied by the Yugoslav Prime Minister, General Simovitch, and the Foreign Minister.

The despatch adds that Dr. Matohok, the Croat leader and Vice-Premier in the Yugoslav Government, remained in Croatia.

According to the Swiss radio, the plane in which King Peter and his party made the journey from Athens to Jerusalem was attacked over the Mediterranean and a member of the Yugoslav Cabinet killed.—Reuter.

Omen Of A Swan?

On a quiet stretch of inland water near the south coast peacefully lived seven white swans and an Australian black swan.

The last-named escaped from Mr. Churchill's home at Westerham, Kent.

Recently an enemy bomb explosion slaughtered the seven white swans but the Australian black swan was unscathed. Local residents interpret this as a happy omen for Mr. Churchill's policy.—Reuter.

BOMB SHOCK MADE HIM WALK AGAIN

FOR TEN YEARS William Albert Bowden, fifty-four, of Chapel Street, Wincham, near Northwich, was bedridden. Now he is looking for a job. He has the blitz to thank for the miracle.

After a long spell of illness, Bill Bowden became paralysed. Only in fine weather could he sit in a bathchair outside his home or be wheeled about the village.

His only recreation was to embroider birds and flowers on linen. Doctors held out no hope that he would ever be able to return to his work as an engineer at a salt works.

Pins And Needles

Then came the blitz. As Bill Bowden lay in bed a bomb rocked the house. Suddenly, he felt what he describes as "a tap" down his spine, and was bathed in perspiration.

"I did not say anything to the wife about it," he told a reporter, "but the next afternoon I had another experience of this tapping at my spine."

"It became more frequent and finally felt like pins and needles in my back. Then came the most wonderful moment of all—I could feel movement in my legs."

"In ten days I was able to use my feet and legs again."

Bill Bowden's biggest thrill came when his doctor called one

night while on leave from the R.A.M.C., and Bill was able to open the door to him.

Recently Bill has been able to do away with his walking stick. All he longs for now is to get back to work.

CAUTIOUS STOCK MARKET DEALINGS

With operators very cautious the minimum of movement occurred on the London Stock Exchange yesterday but on the whole prices were well maintained. There was some support for gilt-edged securities which recorded small advances. Industrials occasionally were lower, chiefly heavies. Oils were irregular and Kaffirs steady after early Cape selling. Wall Street was quiet.—Reuter.

BIG AIR BATTLE OVER ATHENS

Fourteen German 'Planes Shot Down By R.A.F.

Attack On Aerodromes Of R.A.F.

AN R.A.F. MIDDLE EAST COMMUNIQUE, ISSUED IN CAIRO YESTERDAY, REVEALS THAT THE R.A.F. ON SUNDAY SECURED ITS BIGGEST BAG IN ONE DAY SINCE GERMANY BEGAN HER OFFENSIVE IN GREECE.

At least 16 enemy aircraft were shot down. Fourteen were shot down and destroyed in a big air battle over Athens between a very large formation of German aircraft and British fighters. Seven were dive-bombers, five were Messerschmidts and two were unidentified.

A considerable number of other German aircraft were severely damaged and probably did not reach their base.

SEVEN BRITISH AIRCRAFT FAILED TO RETURN BUT IT IS KNOWN THAT THREE OF THE PILOTS ARE SAFE.

Some damage was caused at R.A.F. aerodromes.

The communique continues that enemy-occupied aerodromes and troop columns on the move were successfully attacked by our bombers during Saturday night.

Heavy bombers were used in a raid on Kalamata aerodrome and a line of coast which was visible 60 miles away.

In Cyrenaica

In Cyrenaica our bomber and fighters continued the attack on enemy transport and troop concentrations and a landing ground. During Saturday night, Derna, Benghazi and Gazala were heavily raided but cloud prevented detailed assessment of the damage.

Malta was raided twice on Sunday but without damage or casualties.

Our fighters intercepted the enemy and shot down three, the pilots making parachute descents.

In addition to seven aircraft missing in Greece, two of our bombers failed to return to their base. —Reuter.

ESSAY CONTEST FOR ARMY

Those fighting men of the British Army who can take time off from their martial duties have been invited to sharpen pencils and write essays in competition for a \$100 prize.

Prime Minister Winston Churchill has given the Army essay contest his blessing and he may select the winner.

Five subjects, set by Maj. Gen. J. H. Belth, better known, perhaps, as Ian Hay, the novelist were:

1. Are Americans our cousins?
 2. Liberty of speech.
 3. Britain's larder.
 4. The effect of the internal combustion engine on mankind.
 5. Is there a weaker sex?
- Preliminary judges will be a panel of writers and critics. The essayists—officers are barred—have two months to submit their 1,000 to 3,000-word entries.

VALUABLE RING STOLEN

A platinum ring, set with diamonds, valued at \$1,200, is reported to have been stolen from

American Income Tax Rate

The people of the United States may shortly have to pay more in income tax.

It is reported that the Treasury has proposed to Congress that the basic individual rate for income tax shall be increased from 4.4 to 6.6 per cent. part of the programme for raising \$3,500,000,000 of new revenue in the next fiscal year.

Other proposals are reported to include an increase in the Corporation Tax from 24 to 30 per cent, an increase in surtax and its application to smaller incomes, and a new tax on railway passenger fares.

Higher taxes are also said to be contemplated on the following: estates and gifts, petrol, whisky and other spirits, beer, wine, cigarettes, motor cars, new electrical refrigerators, sweet chewing gum and soft drink. —Reuter.

NURSE BRAVES BOMB, SAVES RECORDS

(By A Special Correspondent)

AN UNEXPLODED BOMB lay a few yards from valuable equipment and records at a London hospital. But, ignoring the warning of doctors and her nurses, Sister Hammond risked her life time after time to enter the message and light department to bring out instruments and papers.

"I don't care about the danger," she told me. "All I want to do is to get this equipment set up somewhere and carry on. After all, there are patients wanting treatment. We must think of them. That's our job."

It was the third time the hospital had been bombed.

When the bombs fell that night nurses and soldiers were attending a dance in a hospital rest-room.

The lights went out, the music stopped, glass tinkled from the windows. For a moment there was silence.

Then, from the darkness, a soldier shouted: "They'll need us. Let's go and see what we can do."

So, with the nurses still in their thin dance frocks, with coats thrown on hastily, they raced to the block which had been struck by a high explosive bomb.

They Carried On

Then, side by side with rescue workers, they dug at the debris with their bare hands.

Their prompt action saved many.

"Thanks to the nurses," a rescue worker said, "we did our job in just over five hours instead of taking about twelve."

"They must have been frozen in those thin frocks, but they carried on until everyone was out."

The bomb fell on wards occupied by male patients. Two of the nurses on duty were buried. One of them, Nurse T. Smith, was killed. The other, Nurse Gregory, was seriously injured.

On the roof, fire spotting, was an auxiliary nurse. She was injured, and rescue workers brought her to safety by lowering her down a lift shaft in an improvised stretcher.

Some patients were killed and others injured. One man, trapped by the legs, sang to cheer his rescuers.

Then, as the pain grew worse, he asked for a cigarette.

the bedroom of Mrs. Wong Yiu, No. 2, Humphreys Buildings, during Saturday night.

THERE IS NO TELLING

"THERE IS NO TELLING WHICH SIDE IS GOING TO WIN THE EUROPEAN WAR IN THE LONG RUN," DECLARED THE NOTED JAPANESE POLITICAL COMMENTATOR, MR. MUROBUSE, SPEAKING AT A DEBATE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE NEWSPAPER "MIYAKO" IN TOKYO YESTERDAY.

The debate was attended by many notables.

Mr. Murobuse added that a settlement of the Chinese war should precede any attempt to drive southward, and any Cabinet which had no confidence that it could dispose of the China affair successfully, had better dissolve itself quickly. —Reuter.

6,800 PETROL COUPONS VANISH

Police have warned garage owners all over Britain not to accept petrol coupons bearing certain serial numbers.

The coupons—all of which were for commercial vehicles—had been stolen from a Ministry of Transport depot at Romford Road, Stratford, E.

The thieves got away with some 6,800 coupons, representing more than 30,000 gallons of petrol, mostly in ten and five unit coupons.

"The thieves will probably try to sell the coupons to unscrupulous car owners," a Ministry of Transport official said.

"But they won't get very far with them without being caught. The check on commercial coupons is extremely rigorous."

GERMAN THREAT OF "REPRISALS" IN BELGIUM

Following numerous acts of sabotage and "hostility towards the army of occupation" in the Hainaut province of Belgium, the German authorities have issued a threat of severe reprisals, states Inbel (the Free Belgian news agency).

These, it states, will include: the taking of hostages, suspension of the return of Belgian prisoners of war and the withdrawal of facilities for obtaining food supplies. —Reuter.

ELECTRICITY RATIONING IN SHANGHAI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

ADMITTING THE FAILURE OF THE INITIAL PLAN TO RESTRICT ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION, THE SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL YESTERDAY ANNOUNCED AN EXTENSION OF THE PREVIOUS SCHEME.

Excess allotments will be charged six times more than normal electricity rates. Users exceeding the 1,000 kilowatt hours allotment must pay six times more than normal rates.

The president of the Shanghai Power Co., Mr. P. S. Hopkins, announced simultaneously the formation of an allocation committee to study the cost question.

It was revealed that the company's fuel stock amounted to over 150,000 tons in February 24 but that on April 1 the amount was only 120,000 tons. —International News Service.

BASQUES RALLY TO DEMOCRACY

THE FORMATION OF A BASQUE NATIONAL COUNCIL, TO CONTINUE THE WORK OF THE BASQUE GOVERNMENT AND TO JOIN WITH THE DEMOCRACIES IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THE TOTALITARIAN POWERS WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE BASQUE DELEGATION IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

The Council aims at attaining full national liberty of the Government of Euzkadi established at Guernica in October, 1936, and recognition of it by all nations. —Reuter.

WHEN A P.C. WITNESS NEEDS TO BE B.S.C.

Discussing how to prove in court the accuracy of the photometer used by the police for measuring the intensity of motorists' headlights, a writer in the Police Review says:

"An officer before attempting to give evidence in a prosecution in these cases should be fairly well acquainted with the subject of light, the law of illumination, the law of intensity of light, reflection, refraction and parabolic reflections, as a variety of questions is likely to be asked."

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BOY OF 13 JOINED HIS FATHER AT WAR BOON LOSES ON FOUL

(By A Special Correspondent)

AMONG POLISH BOYS WHO, after fighting their way to freedom are now in school in Scotland, is fourteen-year-old Andrzej. With his father he fought with the French Army, was captured and escaped by leaping from a railway truck while on the way to a concentration camp.

Andrzej was thirteen when he lived through four months of intensive war. As the Soviet Army advanced on the town where he lived, he and his father fled to German-occupied Warsaw. After several weeks the two journeyed south and crossed the Carpathian mountains in mid-winter.

Inside the Hungarian border they were put in separate concentration camps. To get fares to Budapest to see the Polish Consul, they sold spare suits, shirts and boots. At Budapest the father was given money and a passport to France. With a passport given him by another Polish boy, Andrzej joined his father on the train.

In France his father joined a Polish tank unit and the boy, putting his age on by five years, went into the unit with him. They fought together until France collapsed. They were members of a Polish column that made a dash for Switzerland.

Two weeks after the French armistice they were captured near the Swiss frontier and imprisoned.

Bound for a Rhineland labour camp, father and son leaped from an open railway truck as the train was in a tunnel. They tramped to Lyons, hiding by day, living on fruit stolen from orchards by night.

The French interned these soldiers who, a few weeks before, were fighting for the French cause!

Boys At Machine-Gun

They were freed again and crossed the frontiers of Spain and Portugal. At Lisbon they joined a boat for Gibraltar, where they saw a ship bringing Polish airmen to Britain.

They changed ships and, a few days later saw them at an English port—journey's end.

The father is back in the Polish Army—a sergeant. The school-boy warrior is back with his school books, longing for the day when he can rejoin the Army and fighting for the freedom of his country.

Another schoolboy warrior.

sixteen-year-old Zdzian, became an Army messenger. The forces holding the town of Stryj, where he was on holiday, were almost wiped out.

Without orders, Zdzian and five other messengers fought the Germans with a machine-gun for days until ammunition gave out.

Eventually Zdzian escaped to France and joined the Polish Army.

There was a sensation ending to the first boxing programme ever held at the historic London Coliseum yesterday, when Eric Boon, British Lightweight Champion, was disqualified in the second round as Kid Berg, former champion, lay writhing in agony, legs thrashing the air.

Boon was a hot favourite to win the contest, a non-title bout scheduled to last 10 rounds. He looked a certain winner and repeatedly shook Berg with hammerlike punches, but paid the penalty for over-eagerness.

The Ministry of Information made a recording of the contest which was broadcast to America later in the evening as evidence that the British are living their usual life despite the heavy blitzes.

Traffic blockages and a crowded house, with people clamouring for admission, were ample proof of London's nonchalance.—Reuter.

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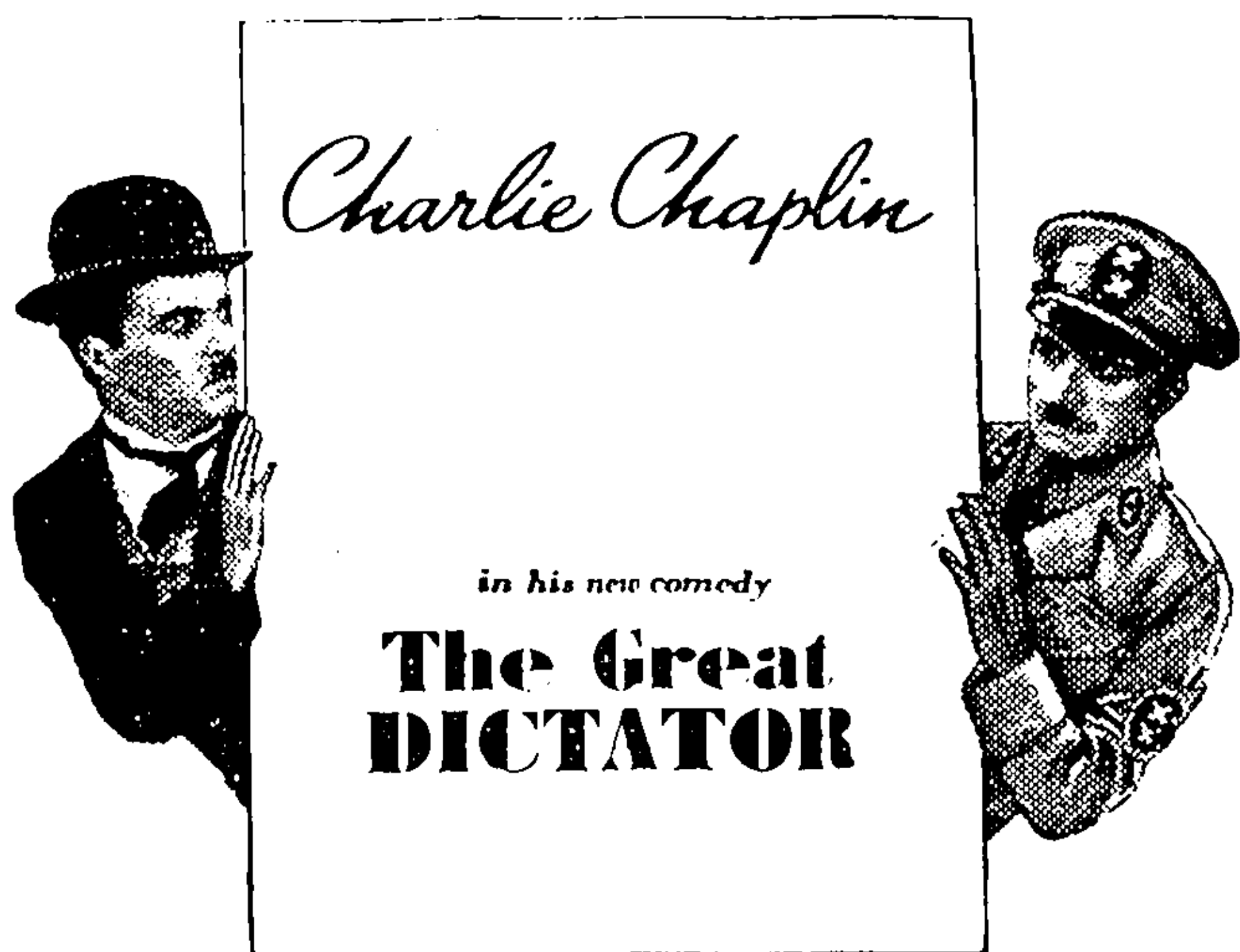
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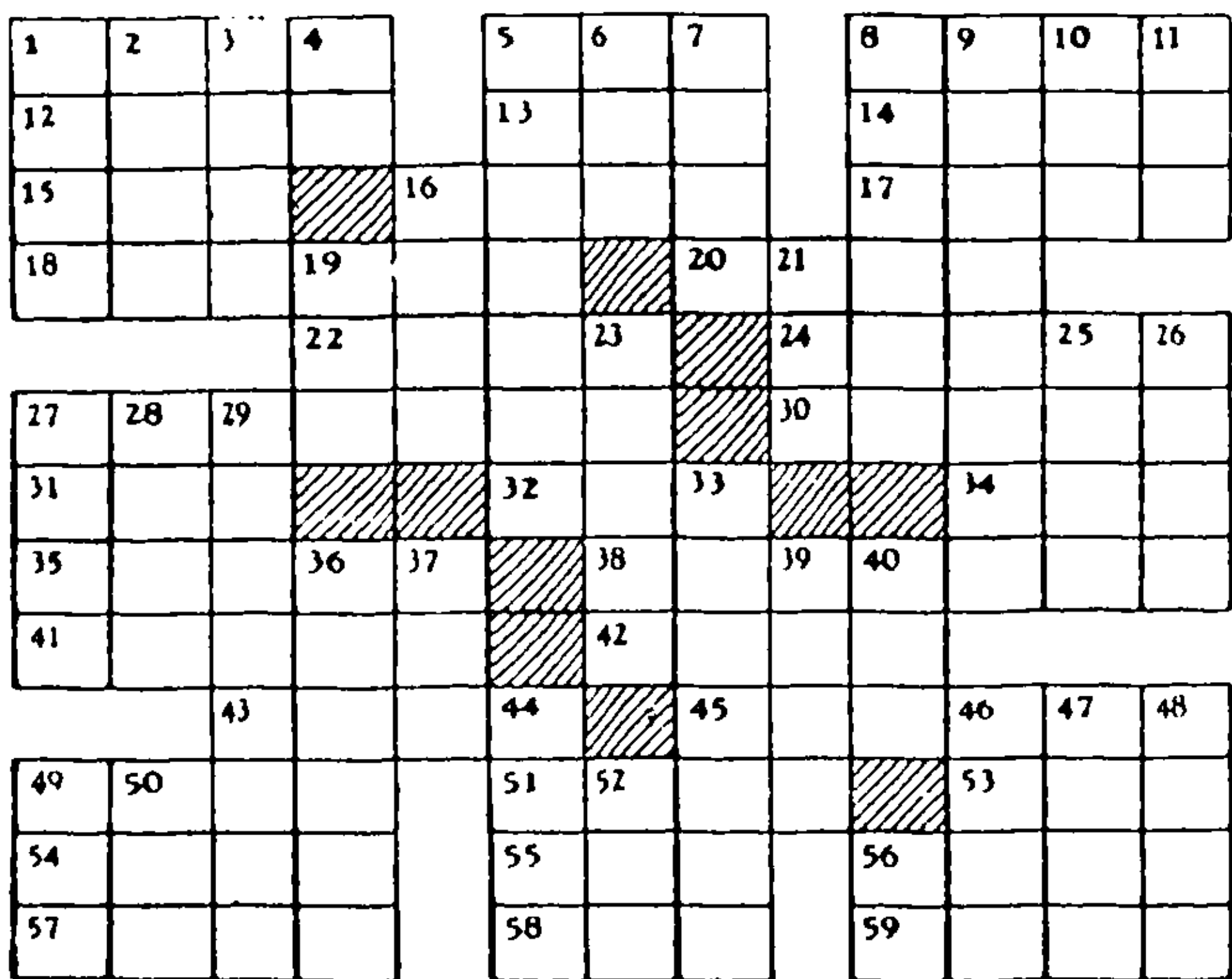
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- 20 Persian priestly caste
- 22 Barren
- 24 To burn
- 27 To sparkle
- 30 Feeble-minded
- 31 Vast age
- 32 Period
- 34 Rowing implement
- 35 Ponders
- 38 Thin muslin
- 41 Wading bird
- 42 Needy
- 43 Yucatan Indian
- 45 Planet
- 46 Prohibits
- 51 Sheet of glass

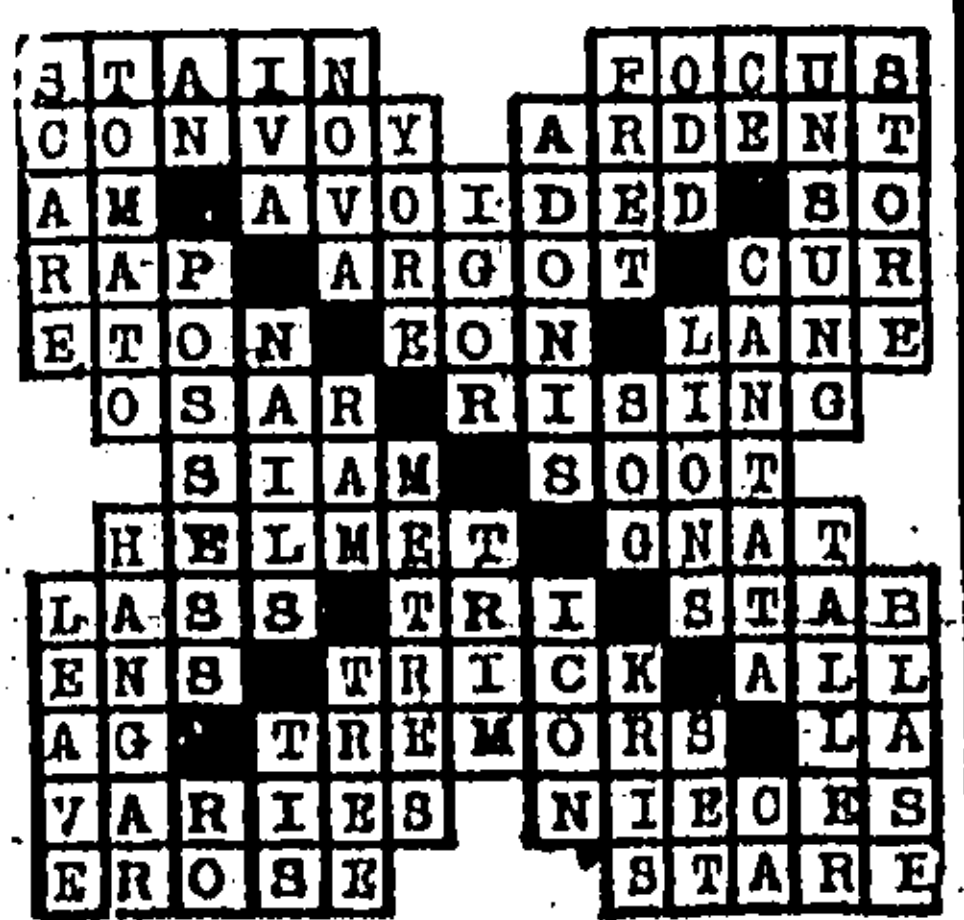
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- 1 Cry for assistance
- 2 Plane surface
- 3 Row
- 4 Hall an em
- 5 Pressed together

VERTICAL

- 6 Crude metal
- 7 To abound
- 8 Beginning
- 9 Sovereign authority
- 10 Greek letter
- 11 Man's nickname
- 16 Law: wrong
- 19 Buddhist pillar
- 21 King of Judah
- 23 To sag
- 25 Happy
- 26 Weird
- 27 Jewels
- 28 Lazy fellow
- 29 Sleeplessness
- 33 To beat thoroughly
- 36 Rubber
- 37 Firmament
- 39 To pierce
- 40 Constellation
- 44 Part of a church
- 46 Christmas carol
- 47 Part of the eye
- 48 To satisfy
- 50 Wager
- 52 Part of "to be"
- 53 To abet
- 56 Note of scale

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



DEFENCE NEEDS EXCHANGE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The United States and Canada have reached an agreement to exchange defence articles to speed hemisphere defence and aid Britain, says a joint statement issued by President Roosevelt and Mr. Mackenzie King, Canadian Premier.

Under the framework of the Lend-Lease Act, the United States will make available to England "component parts for the use of equipment and munitions which Canada is producing for Britain" which England will immediately relay to Canada.

During the coming year, Canada will endeavour to supply the U.S. with \$300,000,000 worth of defence materials currently required by the United States for their own purposes.

Reaction To Greek War

Mr. Henry Morgenthau and Mr. Harry Hopkins attended the Roosevelt-King conference.

IT IS UNOFFICIALLY PREDICTED IN WASHINGTON THAT THE BRITISH BALKAN SETBACKS WILL BRING A SPEEDY INCREASE OF AMERICAN AID TO BRITAIN.

It is reliably learned that officials were stunned by the swiftness of the German advance and that calculations of British needs were upset.

It is understood that various sources confidently assured President Roosevelt two weeks ago that the combined British, Greek and Yugoslav armies were more than sufficient to check the Italians and Germans for at least four months.

It is emphasised, however, that the United States Government is still confident of the ultimate success and survival of the British Empire, which, it is pointed out, is intact though battered.—International News Service.

SPLIT FINGER WHILE INJECTING HORSE, DIED

While injecting tetanus toxin into a horse, a laboratory assistant accidentally split the index finger of his left hand, and died five days later.

During the injection the needle slipped, and while replacing this the man's finger was injured.

This was stated at a Tunbridge Wells inquest on Alfred Leslie Lay, aged thirty-four, of Fairlawne Stables, Shipbourne, Kent, employed at the Wellcome Research Laboratories.

A verdict of Death by misadventure was recorded.

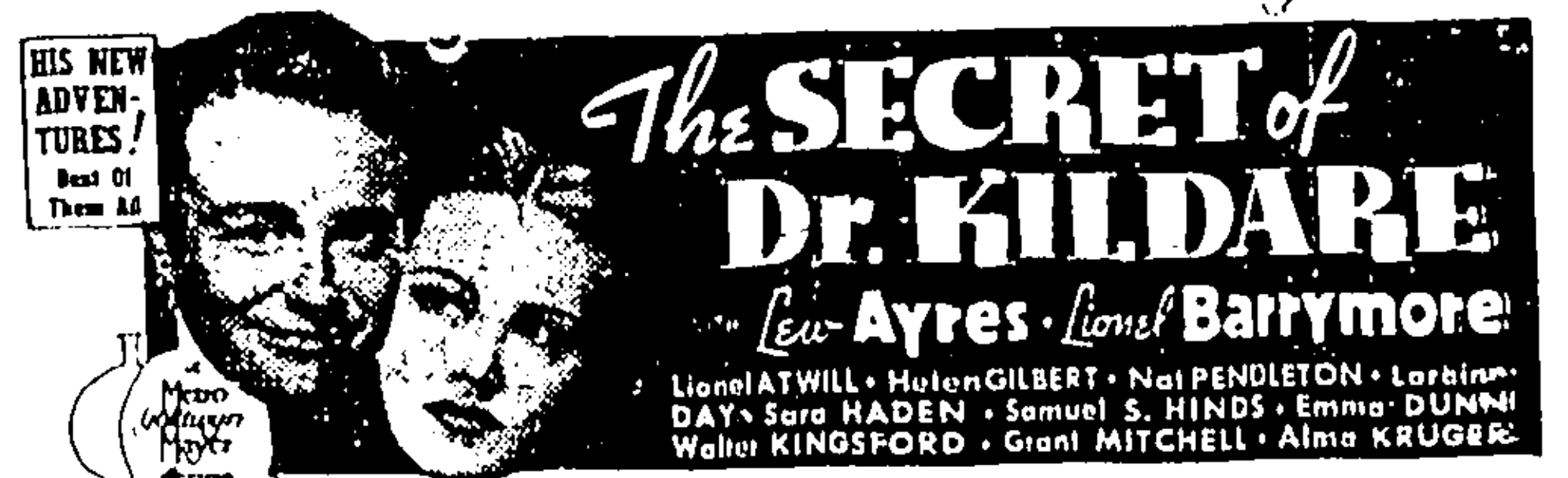
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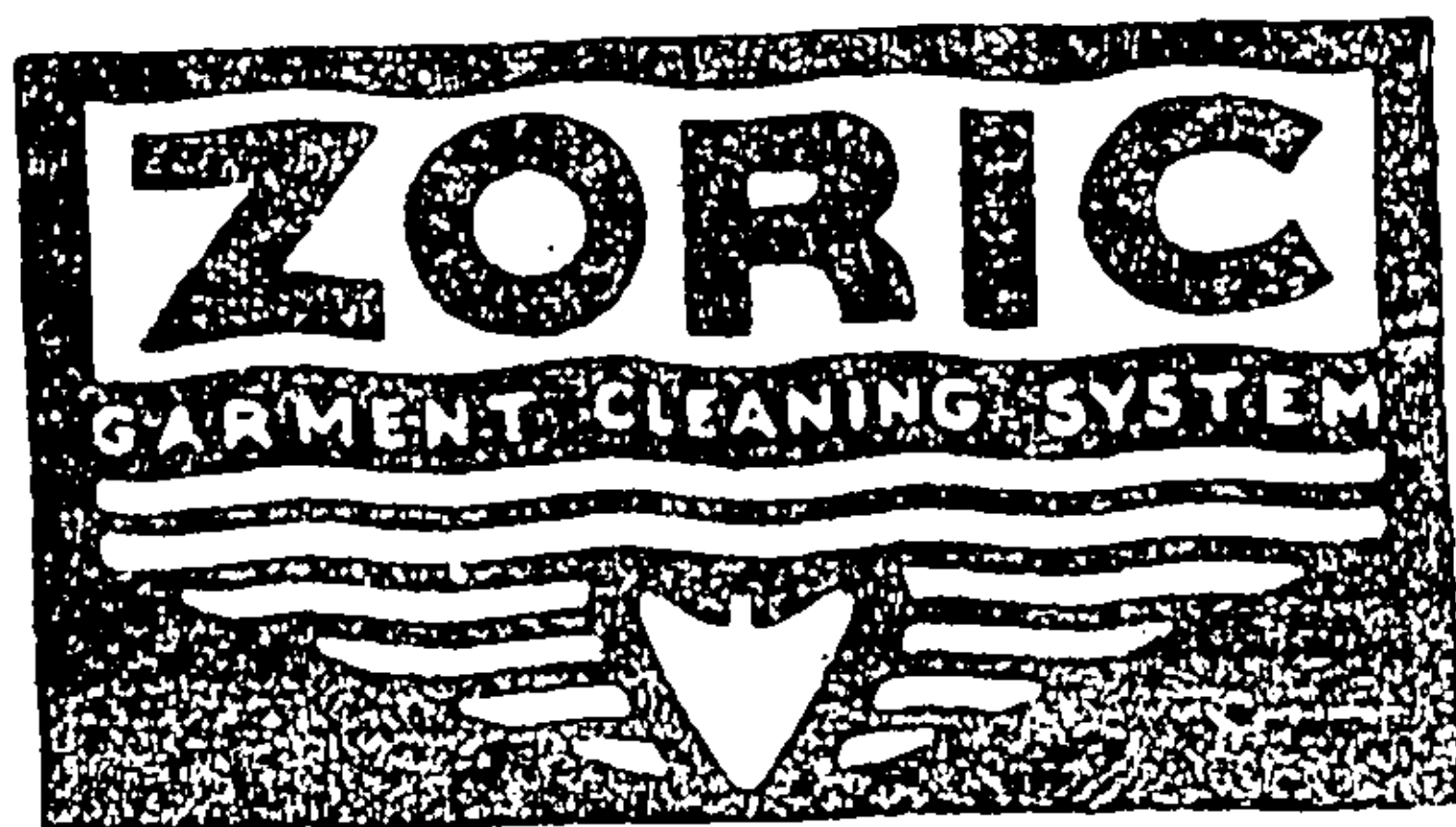
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GERMAN PRESS GETS BY THE CENSOR

IT TAKES THE GERMAN newspapers a long while in these times of war to reach New York. They are being shipped via Siberia and Japan to avoid the British blockade, and this means that the "news" as represented by the German press is several months old upon arrival.

Coming, however, from a country, whose censorship extends to foreign correspondents and radio reporters, these "back copies" make interesting reading in view of the many sidelights they provide on conditions prevailing in that totalitarian state during the second year of its struggle "against the democracies of the world."

Several copies of the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung," known in Germany as "D. A. Z.," have reached here. This Berlin daily is not an extreme Nazi organ such as "Der Volkische Beobachter" or Dr. Joseph Goebbels' "Der Angriff." But it is under Nazi control, and is every other newspaper in Germany. The issues on hand date from Dec. 11 to 18, 1940.

On Dec. 10, at noon, Adolf Hitler addressed an audience of 12,000 nation-wide workers in Berlin. The American morning papers of the following day printed lengthy excerpts of the speech. The D. A. Z. of Dec. 11 carries a colorful description of the audience of workers and the enthusiasm with which they received the address, but hardly anything on the speech itself. Only on Dec. 12, two days after it was made, did the German daily publish Dr. Goebbels' address at length. This delay led to the conclusion that the original text underwent a revision before the D. N. B. (short for Deutsche Nachrichten Bureau, the official German news agency) was allowed to release it to domestic newspapers.

Remarkable Passage

The officially approved version of the speech which Hitler called a "fact sheet" into the arena for the very first time in his life, the D. A. Z. contains the following remarkable passage: "Only a crazy man can say that I have an inferiority complex towards the British. Are they completely nuts or what? Never did I have an inferiority complex."

Apparently foreign newspapermen in Germany were not in a position to comment on this paragraph. It may be of particular interest to the disciples of the late Dr. Sigmund Freud. Hitler used the word "I" and personal or possessive pronouns of the first person as often as 233 times in his ninety-minute speech, according to the text issued by D. N. B.

The item about the non-existent inferiority complex made a great hit with the audience, the D. A. Z. reported. The paper said, in brackets: "Violent applause jubilantly answers the Fuehrer." In marked contrast to the "cheers" or "Hear! Hear!" of the pre-Hitler era, other brackets pertaining to the speech read: "The German workers respond to the Fuehrer with roaring applause." "Again the German workers burst out into roaring applause that lasts for minutes." "Again the workers cheer the Fuehrer enthusiastically." "A tremendous storm of applause sweeps the vast hall and culminates in a prolonged ovation for the Fuehrer." "The workers respond to the Fuehrer with a hurricane of applause and greet him with an ovation of unique intensity," and so forth.

An Obituary Notice

D. N. B. quotes Hitler as having said: "When I came to power it wasn't malice on my part that prompted me to turn away from the gold standard, for there wasn't any gold there any longer." Actually, when Hitler came to power the Reichsbank's coverage in gold and "good" foreign exchange amounted to approximately 38 per cent. By August, 1934, it had dropped to roughly 2 per cent.

Among the death and birth items—inserted by families according to the German custom—two are noteworthy. One is an obituary notice for a rear admiral who died at the age of seventy-one, "loyal to the Christian faith of his ancestors." This is an extraordinary paragraph to be found among the gen-

erally conventionally styled obituaries. In examining the notice one finds that the deceased and his family resided at Dahlem, a Berlin suburb known as the headquarters of the so-called confessional movement, a group that is opposed to the Nazi racial and other doctrines being introduced into church life. It seems probable that the late admiral, "loyal to the Christian faith of his ancestors," belonged to the followers of Pastor Martin Niemöller, of Dahlem, former U-boat commander and head of the confessionals, who has been in a concentration camp for more than three years, as an anti-Nazi.

Book On Jews

The other item is a bath notice proclaiming that a son was born to a couple in Breslau, Silesia. The happy parents announced that the boy would be named "Karl Christian." Evidently the good "Aryan" names alone do not satisfy these super-nordic-minded parents, for they had the birth notice decorated with a mysterious looking name letter in the left hand corner.

One finding in the D. A. Z. book of advertisements is a book compiled by order of the Reich leadership of the National Socialist party. It is a handbook called "Dictionary of Jews in Medical Life" and is advertised as "the indispensable party-official volume of reference."

Part of the advertisement seems worth translating. "This book," it says, "contains the names and pseudonyms of and most important data on Jews and half-Jews active or formerly active in musical life. In the case of better known names such as Bekker, Kestenberg, Kreisler, Mahler, Mendelssohn, Meyerbeer, Offenbach, Schoenberg, Schreker, Weill and others there are itemized critical surveys of their activities, defining simultaneously the increasing Jewification that entered German musical life in the nineteenth century. The important recognitions and knowledge derived therefrom reveal new points of view for the appraisal of Mendelssohn, Meyerbeer and Mahler, as well as Schoenberg and Schreker."

"Blunders"

The last paragraph of the advertisement reads: "All who are active in drawing up and working on musical programmes, also in schools and homes, are dependent on this important handbook if they wish to avoid blunders."

It may be mentioned here that since 1933, when the Nazis came into power, the German theatres have been careful not to commit such "blunders." The musical accompaniment to Shakespeare's "Midsummer Night's Dream" by Mendelssohn, whose name figures among the "better known" of the list, has been dropped, for instance. Half a dozen composers sponsored by the Nazi Reich Music Chamber as immaculate regarding race and political creed have tried their hand on the "wedding march" since, but their compositions were flops.

Here are some items from the D. A. Z. advertisement pages. In the "help wanted" columns the demand for engineers, technicians and mechanics is, of course, prominent. Among the goods offered, blackout material plays an important role. The Provincial Food Distribution Bureau made known that Berlin citizens presenting their "Reichs egg-rationing card" between Dec. 11 and 15 were entitled to three eggs, the third ration since Nov. 18. The bureau of the Lord Mayor of Berlin an-

TORN FROM PARENT TO PARENT

One of the most tragic stories of modern marriage has just ended.

A year ago Mr. and Mrs. Long lived happily together with their little daughter Jacqueline.

Then they parted. Their home was broken up—but each parent wanted Jacqueline.

Crying pitifully "I want to go to daddy," Jacqueline leaped into her father's arms. Then she was torn from parent to parent.

Mother A Crooner

This terrible fight for a child, in which the bitter hatred of the parents appalled the onlookers, took place outside the courthouse where they were fighting another battle, at law, for her custody. The mother, a jazz crooner, kept the child.

She placed Jacqueline in the Sacred Heart Villa, while she went on singing and preparing for the legal battle with her husband.

Now Jacqueline is dead. The doctors, who do not admit the phrase "broken heart" as a medical term, said that she died of a "nervous disease."

Both parents were at the graveside when Jacqueline was buried. They refused to look at each other even across the coffin of their dead daughter.

'NO KILTS, NO FIGHT' THEY SAID

A battalion of the Cameron Highlanders, ordered to fight a rearguard action to hold Arras, refused to go into battle in trousers.

They put on their kilts and went into action with the bayonet, one of their pipers playing the same pipes on which his father played the Camerons into action in the last war.

This incident in the retreat before Dunkirk has just been revealed.

Though there has been no lifting of the ban on the kilt as battle dress, more and more Scottish soldiers are reverting to the kilt when off duty.

Among them are many Scots in the killed battalions of the Dominions. A number of these brought their kilts with them. Others placed orders to have them made as soon as they reached England.

"If they think they can stamp out the kilt by putting us all in khaki trousers they're mistaken," one young Highland soldier said.

"It makes me furious to think those fine Greek highlanders are allowed to go into battle in their kilts while our kilts have been banned."

All the Scottish kilted regiments which went to France with the B.E.F. at the beginning of the war took their kilts with them to wear when off duty.

announced that an extra ration of 125 grams (about 4½ ounces) of marzipan, or "produce containing cocoa," would be distributed to the holders of food-rationing cards the last two weeks of December, in addition to an equal amount to which they were entitled during that period anyway.

Distribution of these goods is prohibited in cases when the food rationing card is stamped with a "J" (meaning Jew), this advertisement said.

Jews also are excluded from being furnished with apples or pears, while the other Berliners were entitled to one kilogram of these fruits during the second half of December.

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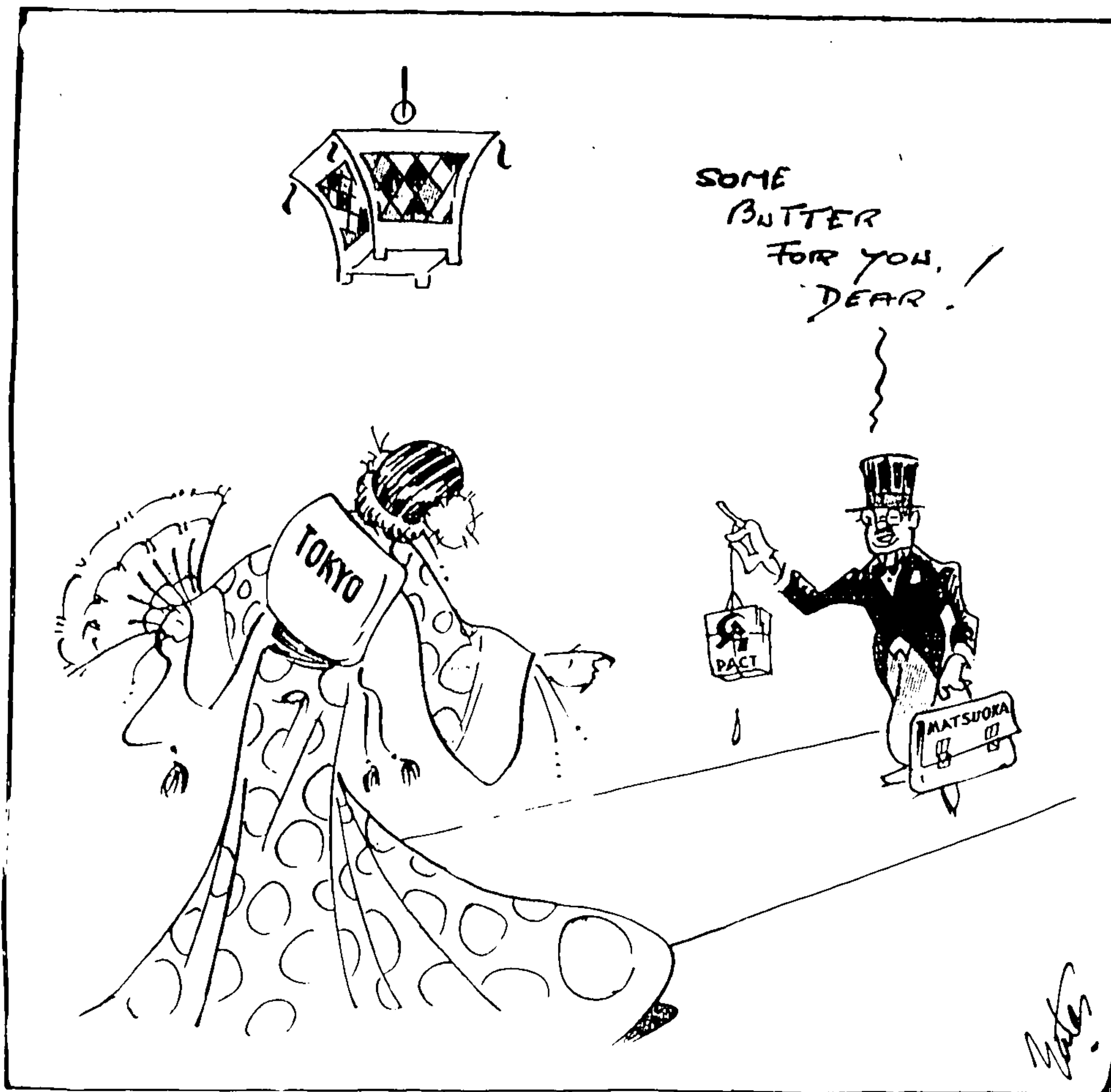
THE BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC

Mr. Alexander's speech draws aside for a space the veil that screens, alike from friendly and from hostile eyes, the vast and complex workings of the Royal Navy. We see, though still only in shadowy outline, how this "sure shield" of the British Empire is employed, ceaselessly, skilfully, multifariously, in warding off the blows of the enemy, keeping the sea routes open, and covering the movements of our forces across the greater part of the world. The late King George's well-remembered metaphor stressed the protective role of the Navy, which from time immemorial has been the chief guardian of the British Isles, and remains as such, despite the changes brought about by aerial warfare. But the Navy is more than a shield; it is a striking force of unrivalled power, and the men who man and direct it are nurtured in the spirit of the offensive that alone gives victory in war. Matapan and the sinking of the German convoy last week furnish evidence enough of that.

No part of Mr. Alexander's address was more revealing, however, than the disclosure that two of Germany's ace U-Boat commanders had sunk ships for the last time in this war. Hundreds of men from U-boats are prisoners, but many hundreds of men are at the bottom of the sea with their submarines. Hitler is by no means having his own way.

What has come to be called the Battle of the Atlantic will rage with increasing intensity during the coming months. Hitler's so-called "total blockade" being his only alternative to the invasion which he has so far hesitated to attempt. Submarines, surface raiders, and powerful bombers will all be thrown into the struggle to bring Britain to her knees, with incessant air raids on ports and railways, as an adjunct to the operations at sea. We may, as Mr. Alexander suggested, receive grievous blows in the course of this ruthless warfare; but the Admiralty is confident of its ability to withstand and counter them. The First Lord disclosed that new methods are being devised to fight the U-boats, stronger escorts are being provided for convoys, and, in particular, counter-measures are being developed to the enemy's long-range bombers which

are attacking ships far out in the Atlantic. Losses from the last-named cause have become relatively serious, but one answer to the sea-hawks is the equipment of merchant ships with anti-aircraft guns. Already many big bombers have been destroyed by this means. The protection of the trade routes is indeed "the greatest of the tasks laid upon the Navy," but an Empire which has found the Fleet equal to every demand made on it in the past will have no doubt of its capacity to keep the convoys, with their precious burdens of food and munitions, moving consistently across the oceans.



WHAT! NO GUNS!

Turkish Marshal

Turkey is the fortunate possessor of exceptionally able military leaders. The men who are in command of the Turkish armed forces are not mere theorists in their calling; they have furnished on more than one battlefield practical proofs of their professional skill.

For twenty years they have left no stone unturned to make the army and navy as strong as they can possibly be.

Ever since the late Ghazi, General Mustafa Kemal, first began to awaken the national conscience of his people, the expansion of the armed forces has been one of the first considerations. The great military victory of 1921-22 over the Greeks made possible by the political, intellectual and economic renaissance of Turkey after the Great War, is still interpreted as a warning against even the slightest slackening in the work of military preparedness.

Particular importance is attached to the training of a first-class corps of officers. From the first the Turkish High Command realised that modern warfare, with its new weapons, its revolutionised technique and methods which constitute a break with all tradition, calls for the highly specialised training of a large number of officers of all ranks. This principle has been consistently followed.

The last official figures, issued at the end of 1939, showed a peace-time strength of twenty thousand officers. The adverse effect of the absence of such a

body of leaders, quantitatively and qualitatively equal to their task, has been proved by the Italian defeats. The grave shortcomings of the Duce's army in this respect sealed its fate and were a powerful aid to the fine strategy and tactics of the British in Libya.

The military policy of Turkey is greatly influenced by the fact that the head of the republic, President Ismet Inönü, is not only

By Eugene Lennhoff

a remarkable statesman, but himself a brilliantly successful officer. The President, whose military profile and sharply defined warlike features are in contrast to his almost fragile-looking body, is a soldier by conviction. His great victory over the Greeks at Inönü in 1921, when he was Ismet Pasha, besides adding a glorious page to Turkish history, earned for the President the name by which he is now known.

The Commander-in-Chief of the combined forces is the Chief of the General Staff, Marshal Fevzi Chakmak, formerly Fevzi Pasha. He is a man of fifty-six with a dark brown face from which eyes of a still darker hue gaze keenly out on the world. His movements are quick and sprightly. Chakmak is a powerful, dynamic personality with experience of war on several fronts. He fought in Tripoli against the Italians and in the first Balkan war took part in the fierce battles along the River Vardar. In 1915 he commanded a brigade at Gallipoli, but came little into contact with the German Commander-in-Chief, General Liman von Sanders. Although Liman admired the clever tactician, the latter could not conceal his antipathy for imperialist Germany. Later, Chakmak was engaged in heavy fighting against the Russians in the Caucasus. Towards the end of the war he was appointed Minister for War by the last of the Sultans. Furious at his ruler's policy of surrender, Chakmak resigned in 1919 and linked his fortunes with Kemal Pasha, who had just then landed at Samsoun as a preliminary to war with Greece. Both men were sentenced by the Sultan to death.

Chakmak contributed much towards raising the morale and efficiency of his troops. The Anatolian Turks were always magnificent soldiers and under their new leaders their dash and clan developed an irresistible strength. In his treatment of men, Chakmak combined iron discipline with

a paternal affection. He had a very large personal share in the victory of Sakarcia, where he was in command of the Second Army and conducted operations, not from Army headquarters, but from among his men in the front line. In 1922 Kemal promoted him Commander-in-Chief and made him a Marshal. In the former capacity he devoted himself heart and soul to carrying out the reforms of his friend and master, Kemal. In one respect, it is true, the views of the two men diverged. In matters of religion the Ghazi was a pronounced free-thinker, while Chakmak is a faithful follower of Islam. During the war of independence the General would often break off the study of his maps to devote himself to prayer. At the same time, neither piety nor an ascetic attitude towards his profession interfered with a healthy and vigorous enjoyment of private life. He prides himself on his dancing and is fond of a game of poker.

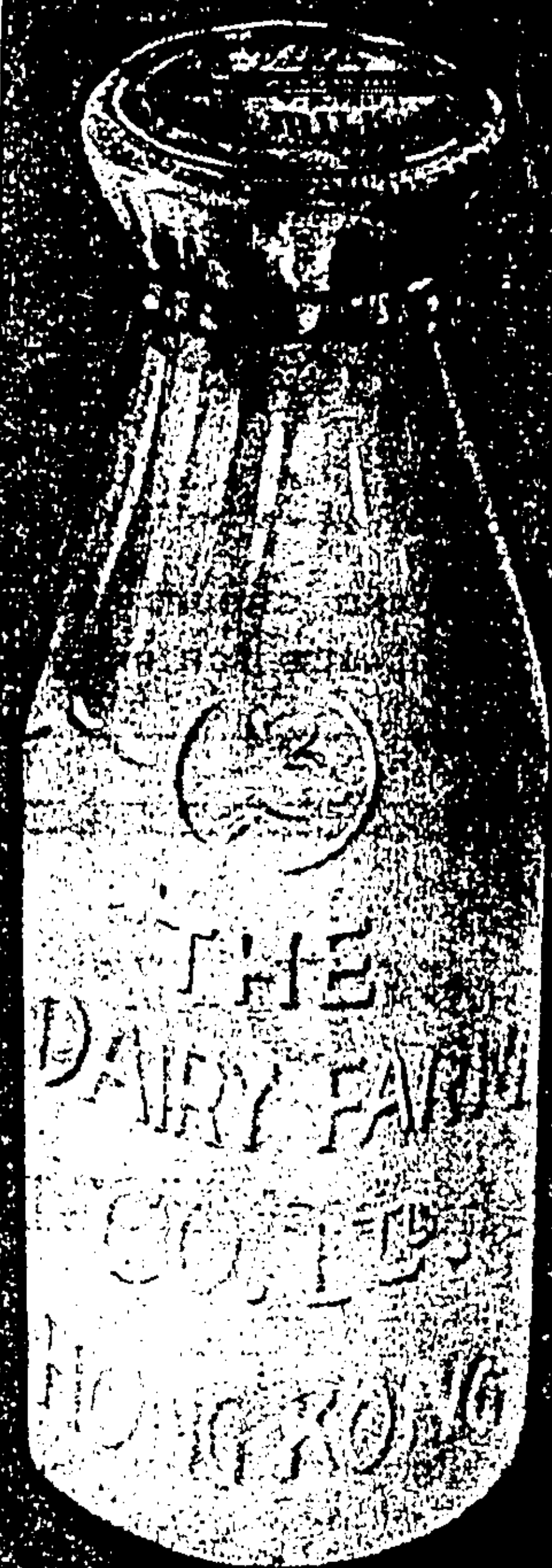
If the Marshal had little love for the Germany of William II, his aversion for Hitler's Third Reich is much stronger still. The repeated rejection of the Nazi wooings of Ankara was due in no small measure to Chakmak, who remained fully alive to the dangers with which Hitlerism threatened Turkey as well as others—especially after the establishment of the Axis. For this reason much weight attached to his decided views during the negotiations which preceded the Turkish alliance with Great Britain in 1939. Chakmak also warmly encouraged the creation of a native armaments industry with British help against Germany's attempts to secure this business as a monopoly for herself. Not all von Papen's threats and inducements could deflect the Marshal from his purpose.

The peace strength of Chakmak's army is thirty divisions, but in war two million men are at his disposal. Army mechanisation has made great strides in the last few years and a substantial proportion of the infantry divisions, artillery regiments and anti-aircraft and anti-tank units are now motorised. The artillery, which includes a number of fortress batteries for defence of the Straits, was always comparatively strong. The Nazis fully realise the great qualities of their potential enemy, Chakmak, and they respect and fear him. Their leading military organ, "Deutsche Wehr," has repeatedly praised his measures of army reform. After the summer manoeuvres in Thrace last year, which made exceptional demands upon the army's efficiency, "Deutsche Wehr" published several long articles analysing the performance of what it called "Chakmak's splendidly trained and excellently equipped troops."

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**PREMIER'S WAR
SPEECHES**

(By Desmond MacCarthy)

THESE SPEECHES could not have been published at a better moment. The year ahead is likely to put our strength and courage as a people to the severest tests. Our enemy tells us this will be so; our anxious friends abroad, our own rulers, our foreboding minds, repeat it.

This, therefore, is the moment to drink again at that fountain of living speech which during the past year refreshed our resolution; to listen to a speaker who, without fustian and flattery, but by open means, braced us up to trust ourselves, and said for us our best.

To re-read these speeches is to have you that Southern Ireland, also to be reminded (strange that we should forget this, but we do) of what we have been through, of those times when the prospect could hardly have been blacker, but from which, in retrospect, we obtain at least the assurance that, whatever may be ahead for us, we need not be afraid of fear.

Of what we owe to the Prime Minister we are better judges than any historian. Except for a handful of theoretical noodles who, without a Lenin to lead or start, might dilute millions to follow them, dream that a Brest-Litovsk capitulation to Germany would usher in a millennium, there is hardly a man or woman in the country who is not aware of that debt. It is even recognised by those who betrayed gloomy signs of secret hostility (not unconnected with an uneasy conscience) when, at last, necessity forced their consent to his leadership.

What the historian alone can rightly measure is the degree in which active sympathy for us abroad (a support which may prove the decisive factor in the war) has been due to him, and to him chiefly. If England's spokesman had not had in times like these a trumpet-note in his voice, and if his pre-war utterances had not separated him vividly from Englishmen who, seen from abroad, seemed, as he once said, "decided only in indecision," then the more desperate our plight the more useless it would have appeared to others to risk standing by us. That America today is, in all but word, our Ally, we owe to our Prime Minister, whose foresight has been proved and whose courage is infectious.

Foresight

Before writing as a literary critic — and the critic is one who among other aims seeks to define the spirit within the written word — let me give a brief description of the contents of this book: it contains every major speech made by him between May, 1938, and November, 1940, that is to say, subsequent to the speeches collected under the title "Arms and the Covenant." It opens, therefore, when Mr. Churchill is advocating urgent and extensive rearmament and a foreign policy supporting the League Covenant against the Dictators. The first speech here reprinted was delivered in the House of Commons on the occasion of the passing of the Fire Bill, May 5, 1938. As throughout, we are supplied with a curt diary of events which gives a clue to the circumstances in which any speech was made. The object of that Bill was to hand over to the Republican Government the right, which hitherto Great Britain had preserved under the Irish Treaty, of occupying in war certain Irish ports. A few weeks before Germany had invaded Austria and incorporated it; three days before the House of Commons had approved an agreement ("a scrap of paper") with Italy contingent upon her removing her forces from Spain. Mr. Churchill's argument is interesting in view of our present predicament.

I am not going to argue, although it should not be excluded, that these ports will fall into the hands of an enemy Power. There is a great deal of substance in Mr. de Valera's declaration that the Irish would resent the landing of any foreign Power upon their shores, and that their main desire would be to rid their country from such an intrusion. But it seems to me that the danger which has to be considered, and which ought not to be excluded, is that Ireland might be neutral. . . . What guarantee

have you that Southern Ireland, or the Irish Republic as they claim to be, and you do not contradict them — will not declare neutrality if we are engaged in war with some powerful nation?

Respect For Rights

Then he went on to expound the difficulties the loss of these ports would add to the protection of our supplies in war, and said:

It will be no use saying, "Then we will retake the ports." You will have no right to do so. To violate Irish neutrality should it be declared at the moment of a great war may put you out of court in the opinion of the world and may vitiate the cause by which you may be involved in war. If ever we have to fight again, we shall be fighting in the name of law, of respect for the rights of small countries — Belgium, for instance, and upon the basis and within the ambit of the Covenant of the League of Nations. . . . What are the new facts which have led to this sudden departure? To me it is incomprehensible. To the world, to the hungry aggressive nations, it will be taken as another sign that Britain has only to be pressed and worried long enough, and hard enough, for her to give way. If that is so, by that very fact you will bring the possibility of war nearer and you will lessen your resources for dealing with that danger. You are inviting demands from every quarter. You are casting away real and important means of security and survival for vain shadows — and for ease.

Qualities Which Count

I have chosen this instance of foresight because events have so exactly verified it. The authority with which he addresses us to-day, and all in sympathy with us, rests largely upon these records of his foresight. No leader who was suspected by many of having slept when he should have been "on watch," or, however clear his political conscience at the time, felt in retrospect misgivings, could speak now with the voice that inspires confidence. Though he might now hold with passion that the worst calamity which could befall the world was prostration at the feet of Germany, how could one who had shown himself weakly optimistic revive us at dark moments or when facts compel the admission that danger stands at the side of hope? Mr. Churchill's past as well as his gifts have made him the nation's spokesman.

What are the other qualities that inspire trust in these speeches, some of which are great because they rose to a great occasion — notably, the speech on Dunkirk, and the two — June 18 and June 25 — concerned with the repulse of our army and the fall of France?

Two moral qualities contribute to their force and elevation: magnanimity and intellectual honesty — vital assets in a national struggle; the one ensuring patience under catastrophe and with the failure of fellow-strivers, the other, sound estimates of probability.

I remember the triumphant feeling, "England is hard to beat," that rose within me when, after his grand description of Dunkirk, I met with the admission, "colossal military disaster," and — my pride in the spirit of my country when I read his words after France fell:

There is no use or advantage in wasting strength and time upon hard words and reproaches. We hope that life and power will be given us to rescue France from the ruin and the bondage into which she has been cast by the might and

**U.S. PRESS
ON MR.
CHURCHILL**

Mr. Churchill's broadcast met with the warm approval of the United States Press on the whole, as the following typical comments show:

Washington Post: "Never has Mr. Churchill attained such sunlit heights of eloquence as he attained yesterday," it says. "His voice as it came over the radio ran gamut of every mood, every mood, that is, but despair."

"His words marched like an army with banners. With sardonic force he pinioned the badly battered Duce with barbed shafts of inspired invective. Armchair experts thousands of miles away from London may think naught of Britain's chances of victory, but not Churchill. He and the brave people he leads so vibrantly have taken the measure of their enemies and are not afraid."

"Britain Can Do It"

The New York "Times" declares: "Mr. Churchill need not fear that his final plea will be unanswered. Americans will put their confidence in him and his countrymen. They will give them the tools to finish the job."

Other comments were: "Herald Tribune": "It is impossible not to sense in the Prime Minister's burning phrases the unshaken and unshakable resolution, not only of the leader but of which he speaks. The British have the will to do it and given the tools they can do it and do it thoroughly."

"Sun": "The speech could not but have left the English-speaking world with a flame of resolution burning in its heart."

"Post": "Mr. Churchill is the true spokesman for our world."

"World Telegram": "That it is a welcome pledge to the nation that is willing and eager to serve as England's arsenal but is decidedly unwilling to sacrifice its manpower save in defence."

Comments of other newspapers throughout the United States are couched in similar terms.

**A.R.P. AT
NAVAL YARD**

The Naval Authorities will be holding A.R.P. exercises as follows:—To-day from 10.45-11.45 a.m. and again from sunset to sunrise on 23.4.41. On Tuesday, 29th April, 1941, from 10.45-11.45 a.m. and again from sunset to sunrise on 30.4.41.

During these periods, the Naval Yard air raid sirens will be sounded.

fury of the enemy — and other causes

The Orator

And there is another quality of all fine oratory present in these speeches; the condensation which results from a vivid apprehension of what it precisely is that excites his enthusiasm. The famous sentence, "Never have so many owed so much to so few," is an example. I have spoken of his trumpet-note. We hear it often, but never when facts themselves are more stimulating or important than exhortation or defiance. And there is yet another, a dramatic one; an intense sense of the magnitude of an occasion, which controls a diction grave, ardent, and aloof. Lastly, a quality akin to it, but a characteristic rather of the man himself than the orator, and a blessing to all who have heavy or desperate parts to play in war; the sense that trials are privileges. It implies a towering of the spirits when the utmost is demanded of the will to win. It peeped out when he chose for our 1941 motto the words overheard from a helmeted watcher in a London street one night, "It is a grand life, it we do not weaken." We cannot all respond to that — not I for one; but I am thankful that there are many and many who do, and thankful with all my heart and brain that England has a Winston Churchill.

THE NORTH SHOWS ITS USUAL FIGHTING SPIRIT

THE KING AND QUEEN came to Manchester to inspect air-raid damage and took away with them a stirring picture of the North's fighting spirit.

Standing before the remains of her home a woman of 69 said to the Queen: "The old devil has not done for me yet, and he won't either."

Other instances of Northern grit were supplied by the woman warden who, asked by the King if she was out during the Blitz, replied: "Yes, and if they give us some more I'll still be there," and by the girl ambulance driver, who told the Queen, "I would not have missed it for worlds."

Though the Royal Visit had been kept a secret the news spread in magical fashion. Bunting was draped over ruined houses, cheering, singing crowds flocked to line the roads, and their Majesties received a "grade" Lancashire welcome.

The King wore Field Marshal's uniform and the Queen an attractive ensemble in Air Force blue.

They drove straight to see bomb damage near a local factory. As they walked through the ruins of little houses the people in undamaged works crowded to fire escapes, cheering and waving.

Responding with a wave, the Queen smilingly asked some of the women "Do you think we are going to win?" The answer was prompt and emphatic, "You bet we are."

The Queen Wears

After scrambling in unprotected shoes about the muddy site, the Queen made a quick change on rejoining her car. She slipped on a pair of booties.

The suggestion that the Women's Voluntary Services should be retained after the war was made by the Queen in conversation with Mrs. Rothwell, area organiser of the W.V.S.

"I hope the W.V.S. will go on afterwards," said her Majesty, "for they are doing splendid work, and in housing and other things there is so much to be done."

Their Majesties entered the burnt-out section of the Manchester Royal Exchange. Crowds outside, bursting through the police cordon, invaded the floor just in time to see the King and Queen sign the visitors' book, which had been recovered from the fire baked but intact.

As they left, the Queen observed, "I hope to come back to see it again in happier days."

Their Majesties complimented the authorities on the rapid progress made in clearing away damage and said they had been greatly moved by the way the city had come through its ordeal.

WOODEN SHOES FOR PARISIANS

Dress styles inspired by Hungarian peasants and Spanish dancers caught the eye of a large throng of visitors at Maggy Rouff's where standing room only was the order of the day. Spectators consisted almost entirely of private clientele, including some visiting Germans.

Spanish evening dresses were shown in printed crepes with wide skirts flounced with black lace and big black lace sleeves. Full shirred peasant skirts of checked silks were topped with black velvet boleros worn over balloon-sleeved sheer white blouses.

Day dresses featured peasant blouses and reflected the Spanish influence in boleros and treader sashes.

BRITAIN TO GET 15,000 'PLANES

Official sources revealed in Washington that the lend-lease programme now calls for the production of 15,000 planes, 330 merchant ships and about 5,000 tanks for the British. Great Britain, officials said, has expressed hope that the U.S. will be able to complete this programme by July, 1942.

The programme, which also provides for large quantities of ordnance and food, will be financed by the \$7,000,000,000 war-aid appropriation.

Most of the planes will be tactical craft, predominantly bombers. Approximately 13,000 of them will be for the R.A.F. The remainder will be for the Fleet Air Arm.

Most of the tanks will be medium types, virtually the same as those being produced for the U.S. Army.

The merchant ships, officials indicated, will be similar in design to the 60 vessels now being constructed in this country for the British.

A large number of aircraft engines and a sizeable order of machine tools also will be produced for the British.

According to one defense official, the British are placing more and more emphasis on finished products from the U.S. rather than on raw materials.

Germany, he said, is still far ahead of Britain in producing for war and "the British needs are terrific." The Germans, he added, have very effectively mobilised the resources of occupied countries.

MY MONTHS IN ARMY— BLIND MAN

Ronald Mitchell is registered in Dundee as a blind person. Yet he was called up from the Royal Dundee Institution for the Blind—and spent five months in the Army.

"I liked it—it was first-rate," he said at the institution. "I got plenty of drill, as a private in the R.A.M.C., and some lectures. I was told I was A1 except for my eyesight."

"I was wearing glasses, and can only read large print by holding a book close to my eyes, but I thought I could show my patriotism by registering."

Yet

When daylight faded, and during the night, he had to be led about by a soldier friend. His sight departed with the sunlight.

The friend had to be there, too, on dark mornings so that Ronald could find his way to breakfast.

Mr. F. W. Hooby, manager of the blind institution, came back from a holiday, discovered that Ronald had gone, and reported to the authorities.

The blind man, who became a soldier got his discharge, but only after five months.

Said Mr. Hooby: "How Ronald managed to stay in the Army so long is a complete mystery to me. One cannot but admire his spirit, for he is liable to become totally blind in a few years."

"We have had difficulty before in keeping some of our blind men from registering for service."

SIR WALTER CURRIE DIES AT 84

The death is announced of Sir Walter L. R. Currie, Bart. He was 84, and succeeded his brother, Sir Frederick Reeve Currie, in 1930.

Sir Walter's only daughter, Lady Goring, wife of Captain Sir Forster Goring, died a fortnight ago at a Berkshire nursing home.

Sir Walter is succeeded by his son, Walter M. C. Currie.

"GOOD OLD ENGLAND!" SAYS SHOT-DOWN NAZI

THE GERMAN PILOT of a Junkers 88 bomber shot down with a blazing wing on marshland near Great Yarmouth said to his captors: "We are in good old England at last. It is like coming home."

The tall, well-built pilot, and his crew of three had their hands in the air. They had just handed over their revolvers to Mr. Harry Thain, drainage engineer, and his friend, Mr. Robert Sadler, market gardener, of Somerton.

A few yards away was the rubber boat they had dragged from their machine. For a moment or two they seemed to have a notion of escaping across the cold, grey water of the North Sea—until Thain and Sadler ran across the fields.

The Admiralty announced that the bomber was shot down by H.M. trawler Galvani (Temporary Skipper M. P. Pack).

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DECIDEDLY IMPERFECT BIDDING

By The Four Aces

To-day's hand was sent in by our old friend Bill Lee, of Chicago.

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ K 8 6 2	♠ J 9 5
♥ 5	♥ 7 4 2
♦ A K Q 9 8	♦ J 6
♣ 6 5 2	♣ Q J 10

North, Declarer

♠ A 7 3	♠ 8 4
♥ A K Q 6	♥ 10 6 3
♦ A K 9	♦ 10 6 3

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
5NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

North wasn't even close to a bid of two diamonds, of course, but South's bidding was quite logical. If North had a real jump bid, the combined hands would surely contain about fifteen tricks.

West opened the Jack of hearts, and well, we'll let Mr. Lee tell his own story. "When dummy came down I swallowed my tongs, but recovered and took inventory. Two rounds of hearts, with East playing deuce then four, indicated a five-card suit on my left. Two rounds of diamonds dropped East's Jack, showing the distribution of that suit. And the Ace-King of clubs caused East to make a crack about bidding three-card suits. That gave me a count on all four suits."

"I cashed the third high heart, discarding dummy's low club, and ran the rest of the diamonds. At the end, dummy had three spades and a diamond; while I had two pades, a heart and a club. East, with three spades and the high club, had to release a spade, whereupon I pated with the club. Now it was West's turn to be squeezed!"

"Said my partner, 'I guess that was perfect bidding, eh?' What could I say!"

All we can say is that North was lucky to have a partner who could play well enough to make up for his overbidding.

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner, and with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ K J
♥ K J 9 4
♦ 8 5
♣ A J 9 3 2

The bidding:

Maier	Jacoby	You	Schenken
1♠	1NT	Dbl.	Pass
Pass	2♥	Dbl.	Pass
Pass	3♣	(?)	

ANSWER: Double. This is this is the one suit you are best prepared to defend against. If this contract is allowed to stand, you may collect a small fortune. Score 100% for double, 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 696

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues.

Maier
 Jacoby | You | Schenken || 1♠ | 1NT | Dbl. | Pass |
| Pass | 2♥ | Dbl. | Pass |
| Pass | 3♣ | (?) | |

What do you bid? (Answer To-morrow.)

(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

LABOUR SCARCITY IN GERMANY

Germany is making enormous efforts in industry to maintain its huge war machine. Before hostilities began German production was already on a war footing. The war, of course, took a large number of men out of industry and agriculture. Severe measures have so drawn on reserve labour resources that German man-power is fully engaged. Ruthless compulsion has put every man at the disposal of the Government to order him where it will, and when, and to work the hours prescribed, though even the German Government had to yield on its refusal to pay for overtime work.

Women have also been called back into industry. To the undoing of the Hitlerian declaration that the sphere of woman was to be the home and cradle, and a single woman and others with few family responsibilities, or none, are subject to compulsion.

How many men Germany called out of industry for service with the forces is not known with any exactness. The way in which the loss to industry has been made up is, so far, approximately as follows: Drawn from reserves of man power (men retired or formerly in other occupations), 1,000,000; women (in addition to the large number taken into the auxiliary military organisations), 300,000; additional foreign labour, 600,000; prisoners of war who can be used for civil work, 1,000,000.

Evidence Of Fatigue

There are still some reserves of women who, by a tightening of the screw of compulsion, might be drawn into industry, and married women are being brought in on a half-time system to work 30 hours a week. Little, if any, more can be done by longer hours of work for men. Indeed, the efficiency limit has probably been passed and there is evidence of fatigue which is detrimental to output.

There is an insufficient number of skilled men, and strenuous measures are being taken to train men in the works and in Government training establishments which some time ago were keyed up to the training of 2,000,000 men a year. Skilled metal workers are most wanted, and there is also an unsatisfied demand for nurses. The movement of workers from one employment to another is prohibited except with the consent of the labour exchanges. Pages of newspaper advertisements attest the insufficiency of different classes of workmen.

Failure Of Transport

How Germany will proceed with further measures to meet her industrial demands can only be a matter of speculation. An effort is being made to recruit Swedes, voluntarily of course. Sterner measures may increase the flow of men from the occupied territories. Not much has been done in this way in France and the Germans have many thousands of French prisoners of war in France. There is also the possibility of bringing into use the factories of the occupied territories or transferring their machinery to Germany, always provided that raw materials and transport are available in sufficient amount.

In the opinion of some authorities who are studying conditions in Germany, the failure of transport may be more decisive than the insufficiency of labour or materials. Transport is one of the most important governing factors in Germany's industrial war effort.

'DON'T TELL AUNTIE'

The "Careless talk may give away vital secrets" placards used widely in Britain now have their counterparts in the United States war department.

New posters adorn the army's central offices in Washington. Decorated with cartoons, they bear the words: "Don't tell auntie or uncle or Cousin Jane and certainly not your girl." — Associated Press.



No matter how much effort you put into trying there's always room for improvement.

DUKE'S ORCHIDS

Settlement of a libel action in which the plaintiff was the Duke of Westminster and the defendants "Daily Mirror Newspapers, Ltd., was announced to Mr. Justice Wrottesley in the King's Bench Division.

Mr. Valentine Holmes, for the Duke of Westminster, said that a short time ago the "Daily Mirror" under the heading "Cassandra" and the title "Fragrant Fragments" published this:

Six hundred and forty-three children under sixteen were killed in air raids during the month of October.

The Duke of Westminster's famous collection of orchids has arrived in Florida in fifteen packing-cases and will be cared for until the end of the war by an expert florist.

"The obvious suggestion," said Mr. Holmes, "that the Duke is spending money in sending orchids to America and having them cared for there while poor children whose parents cannot afford to send them across the water are being killed is as offensive and damaging as it is untrue. How widely such unfounded statements can be spread and how damaging they can be is perhaps best shown by the fact that the announcer on the Bremen Radio, who is usually known as Lord Haw Haw, repeated them for German propaganda purposes.

"Not only is this statement untrue, but it is the exact reverse of the truth. Since the outbreak of war the Duke has been at very great pains to cut down his expenditure on his hothouses and flower gardens to an absolute minimum and to use them only in a way which will assist the national effort to produce food."

Counsel added that the Duke had sold orchid plants of great value and a number had been resold to the United States, which produced American currency for this country. This action was not brought to put any money in his own pocket and as soon as the true facts were brought to their notice the defendants indicated their willingness to do everything in their power to avert the consequences of the mistake into which they had unwittingly fallen.

The Duke had therefore agreed to a settlement on terms which involved the payment of a sum of money which he would hand over to a charity concerning itself with the interests of children who suffered in air raids.

Mr. G. O. Slade, for the defendants, said they desired to express their sincere regret to the Duke for having been misled into publishing a statement about him which they now knew to be entirely without foundation. The statement which appeared in the "Daily Mirror" and other newspapers emanated from a source which had hitherto been found reliable.

Mr. Justice Wrottesley allowed the record in the case to be withdrawn.



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Gipsy Baron Fantasy (Strauss)
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Rawicz & Landauer (Piano Duet)
Vocal: Fancy Our Meeting, Now that I've Found You (both from "That's a Good Girl") Jack Buchanan & Elsie Randolph with Orchestra
Waltz: Dream Selection (Strauss)
Rawicz & Landauer (Piano)
- 1.30 p.m. Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements
- 1.45 p.m. Dance Music.
Fox-Trots: Good Morning Where or When Jack Hilton & his Orch.
Waltz: I'll be Waiting for You, Fox-Trot: Shake Down the Stars
Oscar Rahn & his Band
Rumba: My Shawl, Conga: Cachita
Henry King & his Orchestra
Fox-Trot: Eye Opener Bob Crosby & his Orchestra
Fox-Trot: I'll Never Fail You Waltz: La-la of Luvaim Jack White & his Band
- 2.15 p.m. Close down
- 5.45 p.m. Indian Programme
- 6.30 p.m. Closing Local Stock Quotations
- 6.32 p.m.—Barnabas von Gezy & His Orchestra with Heddle Nash (Tenor).
Malaga (Rimsky). Poem (Fibich)
Barnabas von Gezy & his Orch.
Passing By (Herrick & Purcell)
Hubert Eisdell, Heddle Nash, Dennis Noble & Norman Allin
I Know of Two Bright Eyes (Clut-sam), Eily Mavourneen (from "The Lily of Killarney") Heddle Nash (Tenor)
Hindu Song (from "Sadko") Valse: Triste (Sibelius) Barnabas von Gezy & his Orchestra
- 7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
- 7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: "Britain Speaks".
- 7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.
- 8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements
- 8.02 p.m.—John Gay's "The Beggar's Opera" (Musical Version by Frederic Austin) Singers in order of appearance: Bruce Flegg, Roy Henderson, Constance Willis, Audrey Midmay, Michael Redgrave, Ruby Gilchrist, Linda Gray, Joseph Farrington, Alys Brough, with Chorus & Orchestra conducted by Michael Mudie
- 8.54 p.m.—Violin Interlude.
Intermezzo (Souvenir de Vienne) Otto Kyndel
- 9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
- 9.15 p.m.—London Relay — "Questions of the Hour".
- 9.30 p.m.—Arthur Rubinstein (Piano) and Galli-Curci (Soprano).
Grande Polonaise, Op. 22 (Chopin)
Arthur Rubinstein (Piano)
Russian Nightingale Song (Alabieff)
Galli-Curci (Soprano)
La Cathedrale Engloutie Debussy)
Capriccio in B minor, Op. 76 (Brahms) Arthur Rubinstein (Piano)
Parla!—Valse (Arditi): The Gypsy & the Bird (Benedict)...Galli-Curci (Soprano)
Minuet & Trio (Schubert)...Arthur Rubinstein (Piano).
- 9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).
- 10.00 p.m.—London Relay — "Scots Abroad".
- 10.15 p.m.—A Light Scottish Programme with Sir Harry Lauder.
It's A' Roon Th' Toon (Lauder)...Sir Harry Lauder (Baritone).
Medley of Old Time Songs...Sydney Gustard at the Organ.
Mr. John Mackay (Lauder)...Sir Harry Lauder.
Strip the Willow (Dlack)...Scottish Country Dance Orchestra.
I've Something in the Bottle for the Morning (Lauder & Grafton)...Sir Harry Lauder.
- 10.35 p.m.—A Swing Programme.
Love Me, Or Leave Me: Why Couldn't It Be Poor Little Me...Benny Goodman & his Orchestra.
Hindustan...Bob Crosby's Bob Cats.
Lying in the Hay: Oh! Johnny, Oh! Johnny, Oh!...Arthur Young & Hatchett's Swinglette.
Plain Jane...Ambrose & his Orch.
Someday, Sweetheart: That Da Da Strain...Muggsy Spanier & his Ragtime Band.
- 11.00 p.m.—Close down.

BOYS ARE BETTER COOKS THAN GIRLS

(By A Special Correspondent)

BECAUSE THEIR COOKING is better than the girls', schoolboys at Nelson Street elementary school, Birmingham, cook dinners for their masters four days a week. The girls do the cooking only one day.

I found a dozen boys between the ages of ten and twelve preparing a dinner of fish pie, cauliflower and potatoes, and a milk pudding, for their masters. Two of the boys were cooking a special dinner for the house master.

In their white aprons the boy cooks were busy over pastry-boards and the gas-stove while their teacher, Mrs. D. Douglas, watched them.

More Methodical

"I seldom have to correct them once I have told them what to do," said Mrs. Douglas. "Boys here are much better cooks than the girls. They are much more methodical with their cooking."

"Cooking and other domestic subjects are now on our curriculum for boys. They learn how to do washing and bring their own shirts here to wash and iron. We have a different course of boy cooks every morning."

What'll Mother Say?

Dennis Rudge, aged twelve, of Shakespeare Road, Birmingham, who has eleven brothers and sisters, told me: "I like cooking. Yesterday the boys turned out a special dish of sausages and chawl, brussel sprouts and potatoes. It was one of our special wartime dinners."

"I'm sure I can cook the Sunday dinner at home, and I'm going to ask mother if I can do it one of these week-ends."

The headmaster of the school told me: "All the masters enjoy the boys' cooking. The boys turn out our dinners like professional cooks. But I must not say too much against the girls."

SHE WAS "MOTHER" TO THE TROOPS

Eight A.A. gunners took it in turns to sit night and day by the sick bed of Mother Gregg, who since the outbreak of war had devoted her life to the welfare of soldiers. Her home at Scunthorpe, Lincs, was "open house" to the troops billeted in the district.

When she died, six of the gunners acted as bearers at her funeral. Flowers from "the boys" were laid on her grave.

Mrs. Gregg was sixty-two. She whist drive at her home in aid of collapsed while preparing for a soldiers' comforts fund, and died the following day.

ROOSEVELT CHURCH DOES BIT

President Roosevelt and the parishioners of St. James' Episcopal Church, the only American church in which rulers of Britain have worshipped, have offered their bit of financial assistance to the Church of England.

The President, who as Senior Warden holds the highest lay office in the parish, presided at a meeting of the Vestry, which voted to give the loose collection to the Church of England.

The Protestant Episcopal Church in the U.S. is trying to raise \$300,000 to send to the English Church, which has suffered from the ravages of war along with other British institutions.

King George VI, head of the Church of England, and his Queen attended divine services at St. James on June 11, 1939, sitting beside the President and Mrs. Roosevelt.

In the course of the morning announcements, the rector, the Rev. Frank R. Wilson, said that a special offering would be taken up this Sunday and next to help the Church of England.

"The Church in England is scattered," he said. "It is like a fold without sheep. The men are in arms, the women in factories, and the children have been transplanted."

"The Church, as England knows it, is not now functioning. They have asked if the daughter church will come to their aid."

"We have a real obligation to the Church of England, particularly here in this parish, where a little over a year ago we had assisting with us in the services that morning the Royal Family."

Mrs. Sara Delano Roosevelt, the President's mother, drove to church with her son.

After a big Sunday dinner, Mr. Roosevelt devoted some time to routine business. As usual during visits to his home, the President was keeping tab on international and domestic developments by means of a direct telephone wire to Washington.

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U.S. WOMEN'S AID TO BRITAIN

American farm women in 36 States have contributed \$1,300 to buy pressure canners and tin can hand sealers for use in British home conservation of vegetables during the coming summer.

The fund, still growing, is being accumulated by Mrs. Grace E. Frysinger, of the Extension Service of the Department of Agriculture, who had had long association with British women as Vice-President of the Associated Countrywomen of the World.

British women, say Mrs. Frysinger, always have been enthusiastic gardeners. They have learned through their women's institutes, similar to our home demonstration clubs to "bottle" their fruits, as they say over there but they have done very little home canning of vegetables. The need for salvaging every ounce of home grown food is now evident.

Although the Ministry of Conservation, as well as the U.S. Department of Agriculture, advises use of pressure canners for best results in vegetable conservation, they are not manufactured in the British Isles. Therefore the British women placed an order in the United States and asked their American friends to help pay for them. Mrs. Frysinger sent out an appeal through state home demonstration leaders, who have in turn carried the campaign to farm women's clubs all over the country.

BLIMEY! 'YOU DID YOUR BIT' WOMEN TOLD

Tribute to the women of London who carried on in the bravest city the world has ever seen, was paid by Admiral Sir Evelyn Evans, one of London's Civil Defence Commissioners.

He was touring the civil defence areas in North London when a woman shouted: "Admiral, tell us something."

Admiral Evans replied, "Certainly, madam."

He jumped on a pile of timber salvaged from the wreckage of homes and said:

"Londoners are amazing the world by their cheerfulness and good humour despite all that they have been through. When the war is over and men of the Services ask you what part did you play in it, and you tell them you were the women who carried on in London, they will take off their hats and say, 'Blimey, you did your bit!'"

RESISTANCE BY THE CZECHS

(From A Diplomatic Correspondent)

REPORTS FROM THE CZECH "protectorate" indicate that the Germans have not so far succeeded, in spite of their terroristic methods of government, in breaking the spirit of the people. On the contrary, the Czechs are strengthened by the successes of the Greeks and by the news of the calamities befalling the Italians in Africa.

The German censorship, of course, makes sure that the Czech public receives in the newspapers only a grotesquely distorted picture of the situation. Thus any reference to the Greek war is forbidden, and the press may speak of it only as a "conflict." In an article recently handed out to the Czech newspapers the position of the rival navies was summarised as follows:—

Britain has suffered considerable losses in the Mediterranean during recently weeks, whereas the Italian Navy is unimpaired. Since her entry into the war Italy has lost but a single cruiser; British losses over the same period have amounted to a whole squadron.

Nevertheless the people are aware of the true situation. They listen to foreign broadcasts and especially to those from London with greater fervour, perhaps, than any other people of Central and Eastern Europe, and all the threats and penalties imposed by the Germans cannot stop them. In the Brno district alone there have been over 500 arrests lately for this reason.

Listening in is not, of course, the only punishable offence or the most grievous. In the past few months 500 elementary school teachers have been placed under arrest for activities alleged to be disloyal to the regime.

Hypersensitive Censors

Religious persecution has been intensified, that of Catholics in particular. The Catholic weekly "Medele," which has a circulation of 100,000, has now been banned because a recent issue contained the sentence:

When the day of judgment comes, true greatness will be appraised, and we shall be astonished then what small matters appear great, and what great things appear small.

To the hypersensitive German censors this remark seemed derogatory to Hitler, so the staff of "Medele" is imprisoned. A similar fate has overtaken other Catholic journals.

The humiliation of the Jews continues. Civil servants have been expressly warned by Neurath, the "Protector," that social relations with Jews are forbidden and will be punished. Plundering of Jewish property goes on, and the majority of Jewish shops in Prague have already become "Aryanised." In the province, young Nazis have invented their own technique of "Aryanisation." When in need of money they make raids on Jewish families and demand contributions, with the threat that refusal to comply will mean the concentration camp.

The resistance of the people, perhaps, gains additional stimulus from the seriousness of the economic situation. Coal is short, and there is very little meat. Beer is poor in quality, and only skimmed milk can be kept for the Germans. Real coffee can no longer be bought and butter is dear.

SPITFIRE SQUADRON BAGS 130

A Spitfire squadron engaged in the defence of London claimed its 130th victim a few days ago when a Junkers 87 dive-bomber, which had been attempting to attack shipping, was shot down near a Kentish town, states the Air Ministry news service.

Four Spitfires attacked the dive-bombers one after another, and the leader of the formation, a pilot-officer with nine victories to his credit, finished it off.

One of his cannon shells struck the petrol tank of the Junkers as it was trying to escape and flying at only 300 feet.

The raider burst into flames and crashed beside a road, the pilot being hurled 60 yards away from the machine.

The action was watched from the ground by the leader of the Spitfire squadron, a Canadian D.F.C.

"I got the greatest thrill of my life," he said afterwards "seeing for the first time from the ground a German bomber being bumped off."

"I also had a personal interest in the show, as the Spitfire which finished off the enemy machine was mine—I had lent it to the pilot officer."

"There was quite a little ceremony in the mess afterwards as we rubbed out the number 120 on the score board and chalked up 130 as having been definitely destroyed by our squadron."

TREATMENT OF SHOCK IN ENGLAND

A special dye, unobtainable in England, is to be flown from the United States on the next Clipper for research scientists conducting experiments into treatment of shock at the London Hospital. If the experiments are successful it is probable that thousands of lives will be saved.

Only ten grams are obtainable, but the dye, known as T 1824, is vital to the success of the research.

In secondary shock the most serious form, prostration, is mainly due to a great fall in blood pressure, which, in turn, is due to a fall in the volume of the circulating blood. It is this which is the main subject of the present investigation.

A drug known as D.O.C.A. is also being used in the research and might very well prove to be the key to the cure of shock. Efforts are being made at the hospital to prepare a potent substitute for the drug, which comes from the Continent.

D.O.C.A., which controls the amount of sodium and potassium in the blood, is a hormone derived from the cortex of the suprarenal gland. Scientists are interested in the possibility that the disturbance of potassium which occurs in the blood in secondary shock may be acting as a heart poison. For this reason observation on shocked patients in whom the blood potassium is grossly affected is being made with the electrocardiogram.

'PASSIVE SABOTAGE'

"Love for his old home proved too strong for him," was the plea made for William Henry Moore, sixty-nine-year-old farmer, ordered to leave Wilne Farm, Shradlow, Derbyshire, because it was not properly cultivated.

At Derby he was sent to prison for a month, fined £50 and ordered to pay 5gns. costs for disobeying the order.

Mr. A. J. Harris, prosecuting for the Ministry of Agriculture, said Moore had deliberately obstructed the War Agricultural Committee, his attitude being one of passive sabotage.

The holding was stated to be in a filthy and neglected condition, the only stock consisting of nineteen trotting horses.

For the defence, it was claimed that it was impossible to obtain labour. Moore had lived all his life on the farm and the tie of the old home was too strong for him.

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Army Not Withdrawing From The H.K. Football Association

Military Teams Have Successful Soccer Season

ATHLETIC MEET POSTPONED

By Squaddy

At a meeting of the Council of the Football Association held recently it was stated that a Military league might, in future seasons, be run and that all Military teams withdraw from the Association. This statement is without foundation as the proposal has never been discussed as to whether Military teams should withdraw from the Association. If this were true, it would do more harm to Army Football than good.

FOOTBALL

AT last the local football season has almost come to a close and Military teams on the whole have not done so badly.

In First Division Middlesex and Royal Scots finished fourth and fifth respectively. The former who have produced some excellent football this season, have had a great find in Thomas, left half, and who towards the end of the season was playing well above the standard of any left half in the Colony. He should be a great asset to the Army selectors for the next football season although the Army half back line is strong.

Royal Scots have been unfortunate in finishing a good forward line. It was not until late in the season that they promoted Auld as centre forward where he has greatly impressed their selection committee and finished top goal scorer in the Colony with 46 goals to his credit.

The Second Division saw Army in a more prominent position by having Royal Engineers as winners and Royal Army Service Corps runners-up, and with the latter also a winner of the Jemot Shield which they retained for the Army for the third successive year.

R.A.S.C. have also set up a new record for goals scored in one season by getting 106 thus beating the old record of 95 goals.

Royal Engineers only lost one league match during the season and finished six points in front of the runners-up.

The Third Division this season was a tight thing with Royal Air Force and Royal Signals playing off for the title which resulted in a win for the Air Force.

Air Force have been very unlucky during the season by losing several of their players, but they still managed to keep aloft and well deserved their victory.

Following are winners of the various competitions organised by Army:

FOOTBALL

Small Units Knockout Competition: Winners: H.Q. Coy., 1st Bn. Middlesex Regt.
Runners-up: D Coy., 2nd Bn. Royal Scots

RUGBY

Small Units: Winners: Royal Engineers
Runners-up: 2nd Bn., Royal Scots
Large Units League: Winners: Royal Engineers
Runners-up: Royal Artillery
Seven-a-Side: Winners: Royal Engineers
Runners-up: 5th A.A. Regt., R.A. Team.

CRICKET

Large Units: Winners: Royal Engineers
Runners-up: Combined Small Units
Small Units: Winners: Royal Army Service Corps
Runners-up: 5th A.A. Regt., R.A.

HOCKEY

Large Units: Winners: 1st Bn., Middlesex Regt.
Runners-up: 2/14th Punjab Regt.
Small Units Knockout Competition: Winners: 36th Hvy. Bty., R.A.
Runners-up: 3rd Med. Bty., H.K.S.R.A.
Six-a-Side: Winners: —
Runners-up: —

CROSS COUNTRY

Indian Units Run: Winners: 1st H.K. Regt., H.K.S.R.A.
Runners-up: 2/14th Punjab Regt.
British Units Run: Winners: 1st Bn., Middlesex Regt.
Runners-up: 2nd Bn., Royal Scots.

BOXING

Inter-Unit Novices: Winners: 2nd Bn., Royal Scots.
Runners-up: 1st Bn., Middlesex Regt.
Inter-Unit Team Competition: Winners: 2nd Bn., Royal Scots.
Runners-up: 1st Bn., Middlesex Regt.

ATHLETIC

THE Area Athletic Meeting which was the commence today at the Polo ground, Boundary Street, Kowloon has been postponed to Tuesday, April 29.

Following is the complete programme:

110 Stone Turf of War (Semi-final) A
110 Stone Turf of War (Semi-final) B
Throwing the Discus (Final)
2 Miles Relay (Heats)
Putting the Weight (Final)
440 Yards Relay (Heats)
Throwing the Hammer (Final)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

130 Stone Turf of War (Semi-final) A
130 Stone Turf of War (Semi-final) B
800 Yards Relay (Final)
Throwing the Javelin (Final)
1 Mile Relay (Heats)
High Jump (Final)
400 Yards Hurdles Relay (Heats)
Long Jump (Final)
Pole Vault (Final)
3 Miles Team Race (Final)

THURSDAY, MAY 1

2 Miles Relay (Final)
800 Yards Relay (Final)
1 Mile Team Race (Final)
400 Yards Hurdles Relay (Final)
1 Mile Relay (Final)
110 Stone Turf of War (Final)
440 Yards Relay (Final)
130 Stone Turf of War (Final)

PACE OF GOLF IS INCREASED

You can take it from Gene Sarazen (who should know) the golf pace is quite a bit faster than it was a few years ago, writes a correspondent.

Sarazen and Ben Hogan won the 18th annual international four-ball tournament recently with a 4-and-3 victory over Ralph Guldahl and Sam Snead in the final, just 15 years after Gene first triumphed in the event.

"It was a hundred times harder this year," said Sarazen, possibly exaggerating a trifle. "There are so many more good golfers around nowadays."

Won In 1928

Sarazen teamed with Johnny Farrell to defeat Tommy Armour and Bobby Cruickshank in the 1928 four-ball final. Before and since then he has won two national opens, one British open and three P.G.A. championships, and he still has a lot of good golf left to play. He first won the United States open in 1922, repeated in 1932, and hopes to win again in 1942.

Still wearing the knicker that were an emblem of his profession years ago, Sarazen proved in this renewal of the \$5,000 four-ball that he is still far from through.

Hogan's First Win

It was Sarazen who won an extra-hole match with an eagle in the second round and scored another eagle the next day to reach the final.

Hogan, who has led the nation's money winners for two years, cracked loose with a tremendous scoring spree down the home stretch, but it was Sarazen who came through with the clincher, a 25-foot chip shot for a birdie on the final hole.

Hogan birdied seven out of 14 holes toward the finish, and his \$1,000 share of the victory boosted his year's purse earnings to \$6,055. It was Hogan's first 1941 victory after five times capturing runner-up money.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to day's Tennis Championship programme:

OPEN DOUBLES Semi-Final: Team Warpin and Tsui Yau-pui v. C. W. Seyell and D. M. MacDonnell (Stand Court)

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP Semi-Final: C. H. R. Oxley v. F. W. Carter (7)

CLUB HANDICAP DOUBLES: L. M. S. Lloyd and A. D. Humphreys v. 3/60 v. R. H. Blake and H. C. D. Knight v. 3/60 (4)

FRANCE "PURGES" JEFF DICKSON

The fifth list of "purged" Paris business firms, which appeared in a recent official journal, contained the sports company headed by an American, Jeff Dickson, who during the 20 years between the World War and the present war was France's outstanding sports promoter, states a message from Vichy dated April 5.

Jeff, a native of Jackson, Miss., came to France with the A.E.F. signal corps as a frontline photographer. A small-size Tex Rickard, he rapidly monopolised French sports and had a virtual monopoly on French boxing, wrestling and ice-hockey. Because of his successful sports promotions he won great popularity and was knighted by the French Government in the Legion of Honour.

Launched Sonja Henie

Dickson interested the skating star, Sonja Henie, in professional exhibitions and finally sent her to America after several successful seasons in his Paris Palais des Sports.

Jeff garnered enormous publicity. At one time he was named a potential suitor of Sonja but the romance never materialised. More than a year before the present war Jeff scented the conflict and closed the Sports Palace. He went home and married a wealthy Boston girl and never came back.

Dickson did more for French boxing than anyone since Georges Cornet or. He developed, among others, the former world champion Primo Carnera. His keen business sense was best reflected by the considerable fortune he acquired during the days of the Popular Front when he rented his Palais des Sports to rival political parties for their rallies. He cooked up bitter oratorical rivalry between the leading political parties throughout the winters of 1935 and 1936 and never had a vacant night.

The decree named two administrators of his sports combine. All the other firms on the list were given new administrators under the anti-Jewish law but Dickson lost control of the firm because of absent ownership.—United Press.

CHINESE CHESS CONTEST

The local Chinese have organised a chess contest in support of the "Aeroplane Fund" Campaign launched by Chinese artists in Hong Kong. The tournament will commence at the beginning of next month. It is learned that two of the nation's ace chess players will participate.

ARMSTRONG'S EXIT: ZIVIC IS PRAISED FOR FINE VICTORY

HENRY ARMSTRONG was nursing painful wounds in seclusion while Fritz Zivic, having battered the once cyclonic Armstrong out of pugilism, was looking for more worlds to conquer as holder of the world welterweight championship he won from Armstrong last October, writes J. P. Dawson from New York.

In the aftermath of Armstrong's farewell battle there were sympathy for a gallant warrior, admiration for his courage and marvellous resistance to punishment as well as a new and better appraisal of Zivic as a fighter and champion.

The only fighter ever to hold three world championships at the same time the featherweight, lightweight and welterweight crowns, Armstrong took his leave of the sport with the distinction of having contributed to drawing the largest crowd ever assembled in Madison Square Garden for a sports event, and that means the largest indoor sports crowd in the world.

All Records Broken

The gathering of 23,190 paid \$78,242 for the spectacle. It was estimated that more than 5,000 fans were turned away. The Jimmy McLarnin-Ray Miller bout of March 22, 1929, drew the old record crowd, 21,712. The records proved erroneous a belief that Jim Maloney and Jack Delaney held the previous record. Their battle on Feb. 18, 1927, drew 20,000 persons, \$18,184 paid. The Golden Gloves amateur tournament has touched 22,000 as its peak.

Zivic's immediate ring future is uncertain. He injured his left hand in the tenth round and the hand was so swollen the champion cancelled a flight with Promoter Mike Jacobs of the Twentieth Century S.C. to Miami in order to go to Pittsburgh for treatment. Until Zivic's hand is normal, Manager Luke Carney said, he would not commit the champion to a bout, although proposals have been made for a return match between Zivic and Lew Jenkins, the world lightweight champion.

Treated By Doctor

Armstrong had his wounds treated at the office of Dr. Alexander I. Schiff immediately after the bout, and went into seclusion thereafter. After giving the beaten fighter more than an hour of

treatment, Dr. Schiff issued the following statement:

"Armstrong's forehead is edematous. The edema extends down to the cheeks and backward to the temples. The right eye has three longitudinal cuts. The left eye has one longitudinal cut. The most serious cut extends across the right eyelid, about one inch. In the mouth there is a laceration of the upper lip just to the right of the medium line, vertical and about one inch long. In the lower lip there is also a vertical laceration about half an inch in length. The upper lip was sutured with three silk sutures. The lower lip will heal of itself.

Until the edema (swelling) disappears from the tissues of the forehead and eyelids, nothing will be done. When the edema disappears an operation to remove the scar and excess tissue will be performed. For the edema to disappear will require at least five days or a week."

As balm for his wounds, Armstrong received 25 per cent. of a net gate of \$66,817, or \$16,530. His ailing manager, Eddie Mead, visibly upset at the crushing of a fighting man whose management he undertook in 1936, collected the check. He agreed with Armstrong's decision to retire, and added he had several business propositions under consideration.

Zivic received about 33 per cent. or \$9,836. The champion was lavish in praise of the courage of his beaten foe. He was looking eagerly to returning to his wife and children in Pittsburgh with the biggest purse he ever collected.

Chung Yung-sum, Eastern's right-winger, is still nursing an injured thigh sustained in the Shield Semi-Final against Royal Navy some time ago.

Rev. S. Hinchcliffe, First Division referee, may not be officiating next season as he is due for a transfer.

G. Hong Choy, University all-round cricketer, graduated in the course of the past season and will not be available for University next season.

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LOOT DIVISION IN VIENNA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It was reported in Rome yesterday that a "very important" meeting of high Italian and German officials is progressing in the Belvedere Palace at Vienna.

It is understood the meeting is discussing the partitioning of Yugoslavia and peace terms which the Nazis hope to impose on Greece.

Unofficially it is said that Ciano and Ribbentrop are conferring.

It is expected that the Axis will wipe Yugoslavia as it now stands off the map.

It is expected that Hungary will receive the Backa region, in the north east, and that Bulgaria will be given eastern Macedonia.

It is reported that only a small Serbian state will remain, probably as a German protectorate.

In Rome it is believed the Rumanian disorders hastened the calling of the conference. International News Service.

Exchange Of Messages In East Africa

THE DUKE OF AOSTA, VICEROY AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF IN ABYSSINIA, HAS REJECTED A DEMAND STATED TO HAVE BEEN MADE BY GENERAL CUNNINGHAM THAT THE ITALIANS SHOULD LAY DOWN THEIR ARMS, SAYS THE ITALIAN OFFICIAL AGENCY.

He has assured the Duce that the struggle will be continued everywhere to the death.

The demand, the agency says, was in connection with negotiations for the protection of the white population in Abyssinia.

General Cunningham is stated to have informed the Italian envoy that if they were to assume this responsibility, the British demanded that the Italians should lay down their arms.

The Duke of Aosta demanded confirmation of this statement in writing. General Cunningham then sent a message confirming his oral statement.

Duke's Reported Reply

The following reply was sent by the Duke of Aosta, according to the official Italian announcement: "I reject the proposals of a military nature which you have put forward without taking them into consideration."

"Responsibility for the treatment of the white population rests with you from the moment when British forces or native forces organised and armed by you occupy localities inhabited by whites." — Reuter.

BULGARIA ON A LAND GRAB

Bulgaria's share in the Axis land grab in the Balkans is outlined in a Sofia despatch to the Vichy news agency yesterday.

Yugoslav territory being occupied by Bulgarian troops is bounded, it says, by the River Vardar, while in Greek Thrace the whole area between the Rivers Truma and Maritza is being occupied.

(This part of Greek Thrace contains the port of Debeagatch and has figured prominently in Bulgaria's long-standing demand for an outlet to the Aegean Sea).

The despatch says these areas are believed to represent only the first stage of the occupation. The Bulgarian army will probably take over further territory later.

The new frontiers are to be fixed at a conference to be held, it is believed, in Vienna, on Wednesday. Ciano and Ribbentrop are said to have had several talks yesterday in preparation for the conference. — Reuter.

JAPANESE TO OCCUPY FOOCHOW

ACCORDING TO CHUNGKING REPORTS, JAPANESE FORCES AT THE WEEK-END LANDED AT TWO POINTS ON THE NORTH BANK OF THE MIN RIVER, IN FUKIEN PROVINCE, WITH THE OBJECT OF OCCUPYING FOOCHOW, LAST OF THE TREATY PORTS IN THE POSSESSION OF THE CHINESE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT.

Japanese field despatches claim their drive in Chekiang province is proceeding speedily in all sectors. The Chinese admit the Japanese are driving inland towards the south-west. — Reuter.

RUMOUR HAS WINGS

That the Soviet Government has begun transferring part of the Red Army from the east to her European borders was conveyed to the west.

alleged in a cable from the Shanghai correspondent of the "Ta Kung Pao" last night.

The correspondent cabled that, according to reports from S.beria, the Soviet military authorities had taken over the Trans-Siberian Railway for the purpose of conveying troops to the west.

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RUMANIA CIVIL WAR RUMOURS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Civil war has broken out in Rumania, it has reported in Budapest yesterday, as General Antonescu, the Premier, and loyal regular army troops strive to quell a rebellion of Iron Guards, Communists and peasants.

Heavy machine-gunfire was heard from the frontier all night, and refugees say fighting began in some towns on Saturday and flared into a nationwide rebellion on Sunday.

They say General Antonescu formally declared all Iron Guards enemies of the state and rushed his best troops into action, holding tank units in readiness.

The issue seems to be a demand for the return of territory ceded to Hungary and Bulgaria under the Vienna Arbitration last year.

It is understood that further precautions following General Antonescu's refusal to accept the offer of Horia Sima of Iron Guard collaboration with the Government, provoked the crisis. — International News Service.

SPAIN FLIRTING WITH AXIS?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It is persistently reported in Madrid that the Spanish Cabinet is on the verge of a decision of the utmost importance.

Neutral sources are speculating on the possibility of Spain announcing cooperation with the Axis and possibly aid in an assault on Gibraltar or an invasion of Portugal or seizure of the Azores for use as a U-boat base.

It is not believed Spain would actively aid the war but would assume a role of passive acquiescence, not blocking Axis moves. — International News Service.

IL DUCE-HITLER MEETING SCOUTED

Without giving a direct denial, a statement made in political circles in Berlin yesterday implies that the rumour concerning an imminent meeting between Hitler and Mussolini is quite unfounded. — Reuter.

Situation Likely To Be Serious For A Day Or Two

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

"SUNDAY EXPRESS" DEMANDS GREEK EVACUATION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The London "Sunday Express," in an editorial signed by the editor, John Gordon, calls on the Government to evacuate the Imperial Expeditionary Force from Greece as quickly as possible.

"We should get our army out of Greece as swiftly as we can," he asserts. "It should never have been there." — International News Service.

Army's Novel Air Mail

A novel method of correspondence from the Imperial Forces in the Middle East will shortly be introduced.

It is called the "airgraph" system, under which servicemen's letters will be photographed onto a miniature film which will be sent to Britain by air for enlarged copies to be taken and delivered within a fortnight from the time of writing.

The system will permit more frequent and larger mails, since 4,500 letter negatives weigh only one lb. Charge for each letter will be 3d.

A similar mail from Britain to the Middle East will be introduced as soon as technical arrangements are completed. — Reuter.

IT IS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED IN ATHENS THAT THE ANGL0-GREEK FORCES ARE HOLDING THE ENTIRE "MODIFIED" LINE INTACT AND ARE REPULSING REPEATED REINFORCED ITALO-GERMAN ATTACKS SUPPORTED BY HUNDREDS OF GERMAN PLANES.

It is reported that Hitler is "sacrificing the lives of thousands" of German soldiers in a ceaseless hammering with the aim of attempting a quick victory.

Despite desperate German mechanised efforts to achieve victory on Hitler's birthday, the enemy failed to break through the new Allied lines at any point.

It is further stated that the retreating Greek troops in Albania completely repelled two fierce Italian assaults despite support by German Stuka dive-bombers. — International News Service.

Larissa And Trikkala Evacuated

Continuing their systematic withdrawal in Greece the Imperial forces have now evacuated Larissa and Trikkala but the Germans have failed to break through the Allied line at any point, according to latest information reaching headquarters in Cairo.

THE SITUATION IS DESCRIBED AS STILL SERIOUS AND LIKELY TO REMAIN SO FOR A DAY OR TWO. THE GERMAN ADVANCE HAS BEEN EFFECTED AT THE COST OF HEAVY LOSSES

A "cautious" German advance is recorded in a communique issued by headquarters of the British forces in Greece yesterday.

Our Casualties Light

It says: "Despite continuous bombing the ordered withdrawal of our forces to new positions continues and is nearing completion."

"The enemy is advancing very cautiously, partly owing to bad roads and largely because of the rough handling he has received whenever in contact with our men. Our casualties are light."

VICHY CABINET SHUFFLE?

The possibility of a reshuffle of Marshal Pétain's Cabinet is being discussed in Vichy, according to information from the French frontier received in London yesterday.

The German successes in North Africa and the Balkans, it says, appear to have strengthened the position of those favouring closer collaboration with Germany but it is unlikely that Pierre Laval will be recalled to the Cabinet as he is still very unpopular.

ONE POSSIBILITY IS LAVAL'S APPOINTMENT AS AMBASSADOR IN PARIS IN REPLACEMENT OF THE COMTE DE BRINON.

He would then be the head of the French delegation with the task of speeding up collaboration with the Armistice Commission, which would be transferred to Paris from Wiesbaden. — Reuter.

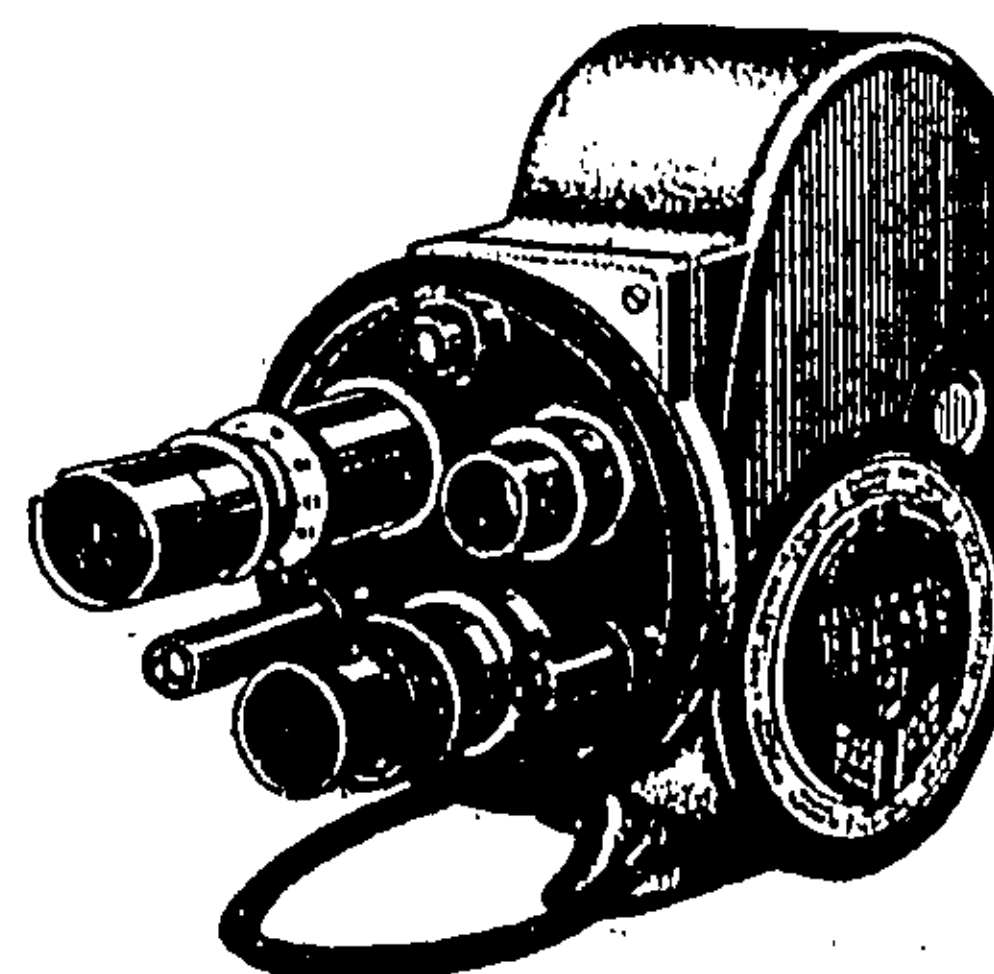
NO BOMBS DROPPED IN DAYLIGHT

Enemy activity over Britain during yesterday was on a small scale and was mainly confined to south-east England. No bombs are reported to have been dropped, says an Air Ministry communique. — Reuter.

DEATH OF FRITZ THYSEN REPORTED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") The London "Times," in a despatch from Vichy, reports that Fritz Thyssen, the German industrialist, has died in concentration camp. — International News Service.

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Carry On Until Victory, Says New Greek Premier

BROADCAST TO NATION

"The Government takes on the administration of the country without hesitation. We shall carry on our country's fight to a victorious finish," declared M. Emmanuel Tsouderos, the new Greek Prime Minister, in a message to the nation, according to Athens radio last night.

M. Tsouderos paid a tribute to Greece's glorious dead, and continued: "The whole nation will continue the struggle until Greece, the Balkans and Europe are free of the invaders."

"Greeks, take courage. Let none in Greece be found lacking in spirit. I call upon you all to be brave in victory and to remain calm in the face of danger or calamity."

The Greek Prime Minister paid a tribute to the British people, whose sons were fighting for Greece in the cause of justice.

"Behind Britain stand the United States of America holding up the unquenchable torch of liberty from which light and strength the peoples of the world will in due time be inspired for the organization of their mutual solidarity against the rape of their freedom and tranquility by medieval criminals."

"With such allies and friends, and with the force of our own purpose, we are sure the Right will prevail. Greece takes courage."—Reuter.

Surprise Appointment

The Greek Foreign Minister, M. Emmanuel Tsouderos, was unexpectedly appointed Prime Minister yesterday in succession to the late Dr. Korizis.

M. Tsouderos took the oath of allegiance at midday yesterday.

Remainder of the Cabinet is unchanged.—Reuter.

BRITAIN'S NEED OF DOCTORS

The Minister of Health, Mr. Ernest Brown, thanked President Roosevelt yesterday for supporting the British Red Cross appeal for American doctors to serve with the British fighting services and civilian hospitals.

In a message issued to the press Mr. Brown said "Most sincerely do I thank Mr. Roosevelt. Our need for such reinforcement is urgent and I assure all who join up in our great cause that they will receive a warm welcome from us and will form an integral part of our own services."

The Health Ministry spokesman explained that British doctors at the beginning of the war had rushed to the colours and so many were now serving with the forces that the authorities felt the civilian population was being endangered, hence the appeal to the United States, which President Roosevelt as President of the American Red Cross, endorsed.—Reuter.

1,000 Doctors Promised

The American Red Cross has agreed to assist the British Red

VON PAPEN SEES HITLER IN BALKANS

The German Ambassador to Turkey, von Papen, has been received by Hitler at his itinerant headquarters in the Balkans, according to news reaching Vichy from Swiss sources yesterday, says Reuter.

AMERICA & CANADA COOPERATE

Mr. Mackenzie King, the Canadian Premier, returned to Ottawa from the United States yesterday and declared that his visit, in which he arranged for the joint utilisation of United States and Canadian resources, proved "much better than a holiday."

Officials expect the arrangement to benefit both countries immensely and means that Canada's exchange problem has been solved for the duration of the war.

According to general interpretation in Ottawa, the United States will accommodate Canada for lack of dollar exchange by accepting a larger volume of Canadian materials and by providing Canada under the Lease and Lend Act with materials entering into equipment and munitions destined for the United Kingdom.

Canada's adverse payments balance to the United States in the last 12 months is unofficially estimated at \$325,000,000.—Reuter.

Cross in obtaining 1,000 young American doctors.

Age limit of service with the Royal Army Medical Corps is 40, and with the Civilian Emergency Medical Service 45, while applicants will serve a minimum of one year and will retain their status as American citizens.—British Wireless.



Deserted Bardia.

KING PETER SAFE: STRUGGLE NOT ABANDONED

"I DO NOT MEAN to abandon the struggle," said King Peter in a farewell proclamation to his people on the day of his departure from Yugoslavia.

Assuring them he would continue to fight until he could return in triumph to national soil, the young King wrote: "Although I am obliged to abandon our national soil in the face of superior enemy forces, I do not mean to abandon the struggle."

"The honour of our flag has been saved."

"Following the example of my great ancestors, I shall until my very last breath hold high the banner of Yugoslavia."

The proclamation also stated that the King and Government left Yugoslav soil so that it should not be said that the lawful representatives of the people had capitulated.—Reuter.

King Peter Now In Jerusalem

King Peter of Yugoslavia has arrived in Jerusalem from Athens, according to a Jerusalem despatch to the Vichy news agency yesterday.

He is stated to be accompanied by the Yugoslav Prime Minister, General Simovitch, and the Foreign Minister.

The despatch adds that Dr. Matchek, the Croat leader and Vice-Premier in the Yugoslav Government, remained in Croatia.

According to the Swiss radio, the plane in which King Peter and his party made the journey from Athens to Jerusalem was attacked over the Mediterranean and a member of the Yugoslav Cabinet killed.—Reuter.

PORTUGUESE MAKE ARRESTS

Eight, including a retired colonel, have been arrested in Lourenco Marques, Portuguese East Africa, for alleged "subversive and unpatriotic activities." They will be deported to Lisbon.—Reuter.

Omen Of A Swan?

On a quiet stretch of inland water near the south coast peacefully lived seven white swans and an Australian black swan.

The last-named escaped from Mr. Churchill's home at Westham, Kent.

Recently an enemy bomb explosion slaughtered the seven white swans but the Australian black swan was unscathed. Local residents interpret this as a happy omen for Mr. Churchill's policy.—Reuter.

BOMB SHOCK MADE HIM WALK AGAIN

FOR TEN YEARS William Albert Bowden, fifty-four, of Chapel Street, Wincham, near Northwich, was bedridden. Now he is looking for a job. He has the blitz to thank for the miracle.

After a long spell of illness, Bill Bowden became paralysed. Only in fine weather could he sit in a bathchair outside his home or be wheeled about the village.

His only recreation was to embroider birds and flowers on linen. Doctors held out no hope that he would ever be able to return to his work as engineman at a salt works.

Pins And Needles

Then came the blitz. As Bill Bowden lay in bed a bomb rocked the house. Suddenly, he felt what he describes as "a tap" down his spine, and was bathed in perspiration.

"I did not say anything to the wife about it," he told a reporter, "but the next afternoon I had another experience of this tapping at my spine."

"It became more frequent and finally felt like pins and needles in my back. Then came the most wonderful moment of all—I could feel movement in my legs."

"In ten days I was able to use my feet and legs again." Bill Bowden's biggest thrill came when his doctor called one

night while on leave from the R.A.M.C., and Bill was able to open the door to him.

Recently Bill has been able to do away with his walking stick. All he longs for now is to get back to work.

CAUTIOUS STOCK MARKET DEALINGS

With operators very cautious the minimum of movement occurred on the London Stock Exchange yesterday but on the whole prices were well maintained. There was some support for gilt-edged securities which recorded small advances. Industrial shares were lower, chiefly heavies. Oils were irregular and Kaffirs steady after early Cape selling. Wall Street was quiet.—Reuter.

BIG AIR BATTLE OVER ATHENS

Fourteen German 'Planes Shot Down By R.A.F.

Attack On Aerodromes Of R.A.F.

AN R.A.F. MIDDLE EAST COMMUNIQUE, ISSUED IN CAIRO YESTERDAY, REVEALS THAT THE R.A.F. ON SUNDAY SECURED ITS BIGGEST BAG IN ONE DAY SINCE GERMANY BEGAN HER OFFENSIVE IN GREECE.

At least 16 enemy aircraft were shot down. Fourteen were shot down and destroyed in a big air battle over Athens between a very large formation of German aircraft and British fighters. Seven were dive-bombers, five were Messerschmidts and two were unidentified.

A considerable number of other German aircraft were severely damaged and probably did not reach their base.

SEVEN BRITISH AIRCRAFT FAILED TO RETURN BUT IT IS KNOWN THAT THREE OF THE PILOTS ARE SAFE.

Some damage was caused at R.A.F. aerodromes.

The communique continues that enemy occupied aerodromes and troop columns on the move were successfully attacked by our bombers during Saturday night.

Heavy bombers were used in a raid on Kalamata aerodrome and a fire caused which was visible 60 miles away.

In Cyrenaica

In Cyrenaica our bombers and fighters continued the attacks on enemy transport and troop concentrations and a landing ground.

During Saturday night Derna, Benghazi and Gazala were heavily raided but cloud prevented detailed assessment of the damage.

Malta was raided twice on Sunday but without damage or casualties.

Our fighters intercepted the enemy and shot down three, the pilots making parachute descents.

In addition to seven aircraft missing in Greece, two of our bombers failed to return to their base. —Reuter.

ESSAY CONTEST FOR ARMY

Those fighting men of the British Army who can take time off from their martial duties have been invited to sharpen pencils and write essays in competition for a \$100 prize.

Prime Minister Winston Churchill has given the Army essay contest his blessing and he may select the winner.

Five subjects, set by Maj. Gen. J. H. Beith, better known, perhaps, as Ian Hay, the novelist were:

1. Are Americans our cousins?
2. Liberty of speech.
3. Britain's larder.
4. The effect of the internal combustion engine on mankind.
5. Is there a weaker sex?

Preliminary judges will be a panel of writers and critics. The essayists—officers are barred—have two months to submit their 1,000 to 3,000-word entries.

VALUABLE RING STOLEN

A platinum ring, set with diamonds, valued at \$1,200, is reported to have been stolen from

NURSE BRAVES BOMB, SAVES RECORDS

(By A Special Correspondent)

AN UNEXPLODED BOMB lay a few yards from valuable equipment and records at a London hospital. But, ignoring the warning of doctors and her nurses, Sister Hammond risked her life time after time to enter the massage and light department to bring out instruments and papers.

"I don't care about the danger," she told me. "All I want to do is to get this equipment set up somewhere and carry on. After all, there are patients wanting treatment. We must think of them. That's our job."

It was the third time the hospital had been bombed.

When the bombs fell that night nurses and soldiers were attending a dance in a hospital rest-room.

The lights went out, the music stopped, glass tinkled from the windows. For a moment there was silence.

Then, from the darkness, a soldier shouted: "They'll need us. Let's go and see what we can do."

So, with the nurses still in their thin dance frocks, with coats thrown on hastily, they raced to the block which had been struck by a high explosive bomb.

They Carried On

Then, side by side, with rescue workers, they dug at the debris with their bare hands.

Their prompt action saved many.

"Thanks to the nurses," a rescue worker said, "we did our job in just over five hours instead of taking about twelve."

"They must have been frozen in those thin frocks, but they carried on until everyone was out."

The bomb fell on wards occupied by male patients. Two of the nurses on duty were buried. One of them, Nurse T. Smith, was killed. The other, Nurse Gregory, was seriously injured.

On the roof, fire spotting, was an auxiliary nurse. She was injured, and rescue workers brought her to safety by lowering her down a lift shaft in an improvised stretcher.

Some patients were killed and others injured. One man, trapped by the legs, sang to cheer his rescuers.

Then, as the pain grew worse, he asked for a cigarette.

the bedroom of Mrs. Wong Yiu, No. 2, Humphreys Buildings, during Saturday night.

American Income Tax Rate

The people of the United States may shortly have to pay more in income tax.

It is reported that the Treasury has proposed to Congress that the basic individual rate for income tax shall be increased from 44 to 6.6 per cent part of the programme for raising \$3,500,000,000 of new revenue in the next fiscal year.

Other proposals are reported to include an increase in the Corporation Tax from 24 to 30 per cent, an increase in gift tax and its application to smaller incomes, and a new tax on railway passenger fares.

Higher taxes are also said to be contemplated on the following: tobacco and anti-petrol, alcohol and other products, betting, and the motor car. The proposed changes are being discussed in the Treasury and will be brought before Congress in the near future.

GERMAN THREAT OF "REPRISALS" IN BELGIUM

Following numerous acts of sabotage and "hostility towards the army of occupation" in the Hainaut province of Belgium, the German authorities have issued a threat of severe reprisals, states Inbel (the Free Belgian news agency).

These, it states, will include the taking of hostages, suspension of the return of Belgian prisoners of war and the withdrawal of facilities for obtaining food supplies. —Reuter.

ELECTRICITY RATIONING IN SHANGHAI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

ADMITTING THE FAILURE OF THE INITIAL PLAN TO RESTRICT ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION, THE SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, YESTERDAY ANNOUNCED AN EXTENSION OF THE PREVIOUS SCHEME.

Excess allotments will be charged six times more than normal electricity rates. Users exceeding the 1,000 kilowatt hours allotment must pay six times more than normal rates.

The president of the Shanghai Power Co., Mr. P. S. Hopkins, announced simultaneously the formation of an allocation committee to study the question.

It was revealed that the company's fuel stocks amounted to over 150,000 tons on February 24 but that on April 1 the amount was only 120,000 tons. —International News Service.

BASQUES RALLY TO DEMOCRACY

THE FORMATION OF A BASQUE NATIONAL COUNCIL, TO CONTINUE THE WORK OF THE BASQUE GOVERNMENT AND TO JOIN WITH THE DEMOCRACIES IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THE TOTALITARIAN POWERS, WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE BASQUE DELEGATION IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

The Council aims at attaining full national liberty of the Government of Euzkadi established at Guernica in October, 1936, and recognition of it by all nations. —Reuter.

WHEN A P.C. WITNESS NEEDS TO BE B.S.C.

Discussing how to prove in court the accuracy of the photometer used by the police for measuring the intensity of motorists' headlamps, a writer in the Police Review says:

"An officer before attempting to give evidence in a prosecution in these cases should be fairly well acquainted with the subject of light, the law of illumination, the law of intensity of light, reflection, refraction and parabolic reflectors, as a variety of questions is likely to be asked."

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"THERE IS NO TELLING WHICH SIDE IS GOING TO WIN THE EUROPEAN WAR IN THE LONG RUN," DECLARED THE NOTED JAPANESE POLITICAL COMMENTATOR, MR. MUROBUSE, SPEAKING AT A DEBATE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE NEWSPAPER "MIYAKO" IN TOKYO YESTERDAY.

The debate was attended by many notables.

Mr. Murobuse added that a settlement of the Chinese war should precede any attempt to drive southward, and any Cabinet which had no confidence that it could dispose of the China affair successfully, had better dissolve itself quickly. —Reuter.

6,800 PETROL COUPONS VANISH

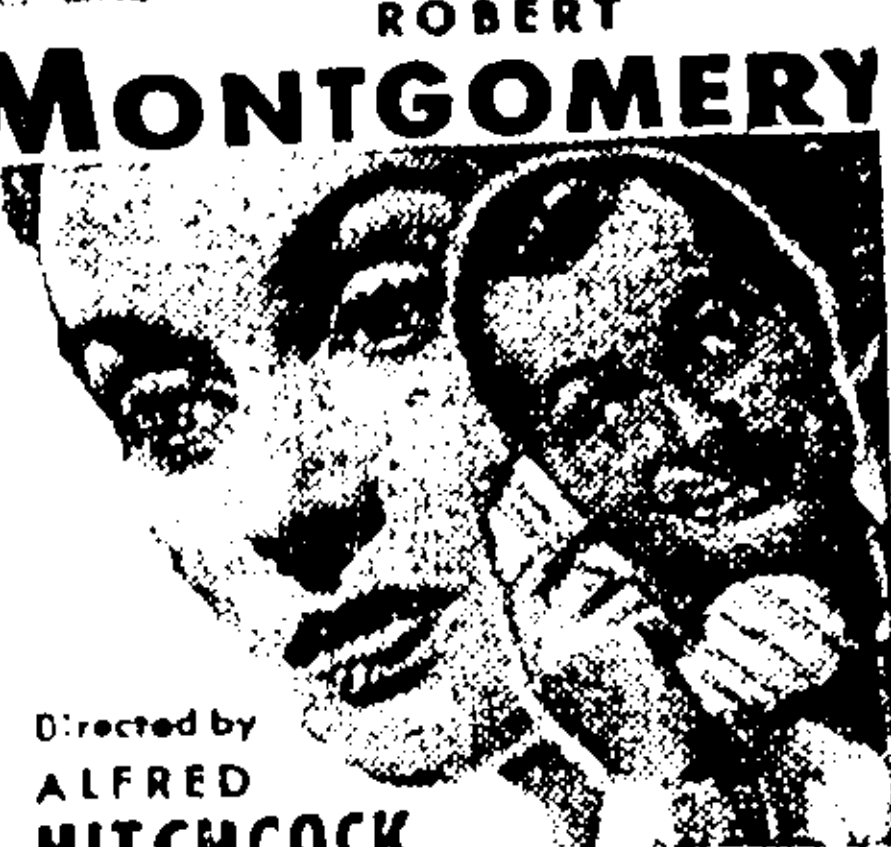
Police have warned garage owners all over Britain not to accept petrol coupons bearing certain serial numbers.

The coupons—all of which were for commercial vehicles—had been stolen from a Ministry of Transport depot at Romford Road, Stratford, E.

The thieves got away with some 6,800 coupons, representing more than 30,000 gallons of petrol, mostly in ten and five unit coupons.

"The thieves will probably try to sell the coupons to unscrupulous car owners," a Ministry of Transport official said.

"But they won't get very far with them without being caught. The check on commercial coupons is extremely rigorous."

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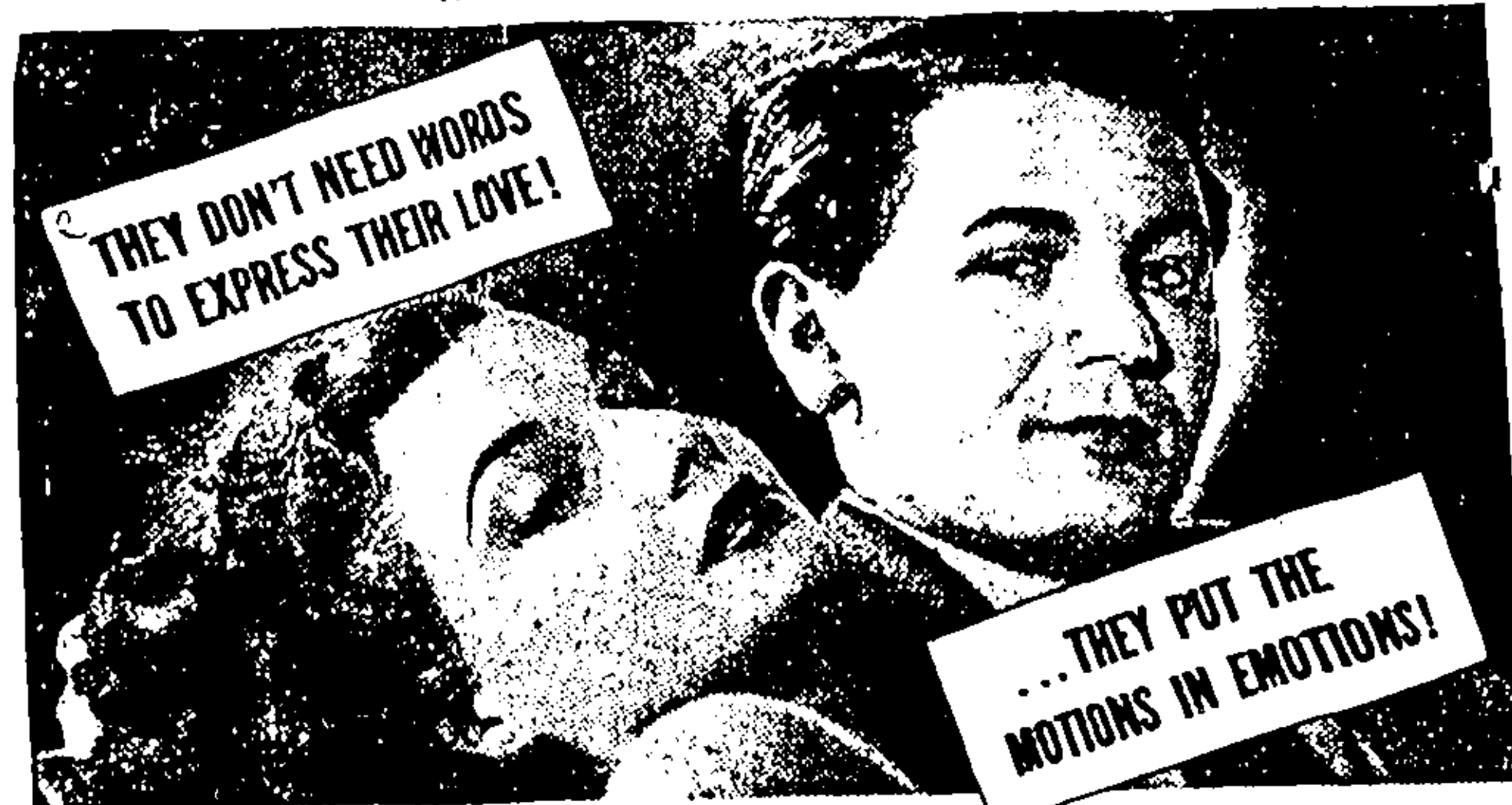
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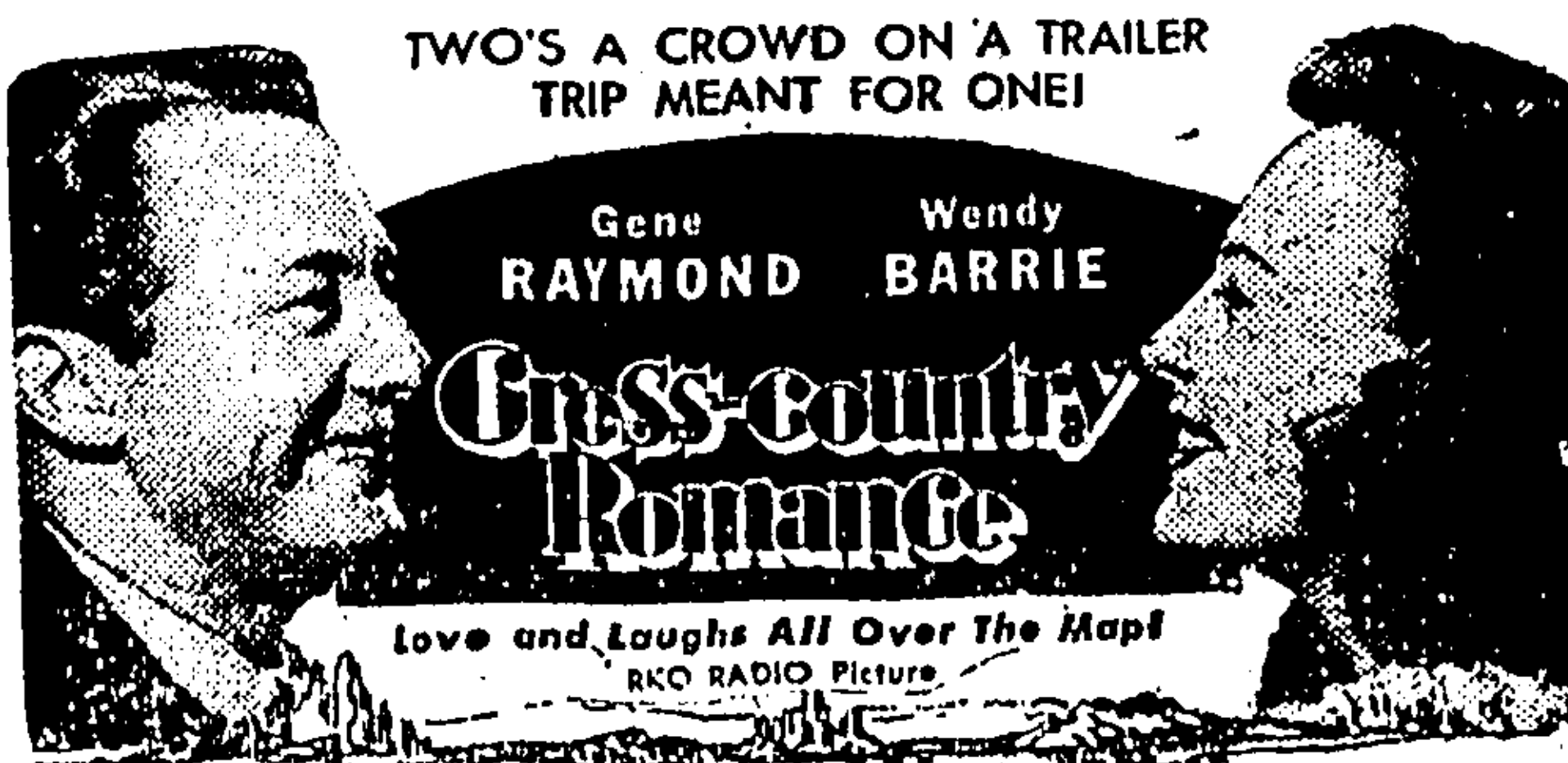
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**BOY OF 13 JOINED
HIS FATHER AT WAR**

(By A Special Correspondent)

AMONG POLISH BOYS WHO, after fighting their way to freedom are now in school in Scotland, is fourteen-year-old Andrzej. With his father he fought with the French Army, was captured and escaped by leaping from a railway truck while on the way to a concentration camp.

Andrzej was thirteen when he lived through four months of intensive war. As the Soviet Army advanced on the town where he lived, he and his father fled to German-occupied Warsaw. After several weeks the two journeyed south and crossed the Carpathian mountains in mid-winter.

Inside the Hungarian border they were put in separate concentration camps. To get fares to Budapest to see the Polish Consul, they sold spare suits, shirts and boots. At Budapest the father was given money and a passport to France. With a passport given him by another Polish boy, Andrzej joined his father on the train.

In France his father joined a Polish tank unit and the boy, putting his age on by five years, went into the unit with him. They fought together until France collapsed. They were members of a Polish column that made a dash for Switzerland.

Two weeks after the French armistice they were captured near the Swiss frontier and imprisoned.

Bound for a Rhineland labour camp, father and son leaped from an open railway truck as the train was in a tunnel. They tramped to Lyons, hiding by day, living on fruit stolen from orchards by night.

The French interned these soldiers who, a few weeks before, were fighting for the French cause!

Boys At Machine-Gun

They were freed again and crossed the frontiers of Spain and Portugal. At Lisbon they joined a boat for Gibraltar, where they saw a ship bringing Polish airmen to Britain.

They changed ships and, a few days later saw them at an English port—journey's end.

The father is back in the Polish Army—a sergeant. The school-boy warrior is back with his school books, longing for the day when he can rejoin the Army and fighting for the freedom of his country.

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**BOON
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There was a sensational ending to the first boxing programme ever held at the historic London Coliseum yesterday, when Eric Boon, British Lightweight Champion, was disqualified in the second round as Kid Berg, former champion, lay writhing in agony, legs thrashing the air.

Boon was a hot favourite to win the contest, a non-title bout scheduled to last 10 rounds. He looked a certain winner and repeatedly shook Berg with hammerlike punches, but paid the penalty for over-eagerness.

The Ministry of Information made a recording of the contest which was broadcast to America later in the evening as evidence that the British are living their usual life despite the heavy blitzes.

Traffic blockages and a crowded house, with people clamouring for admission, were ample proof of London's nonchalance.—Reuter.

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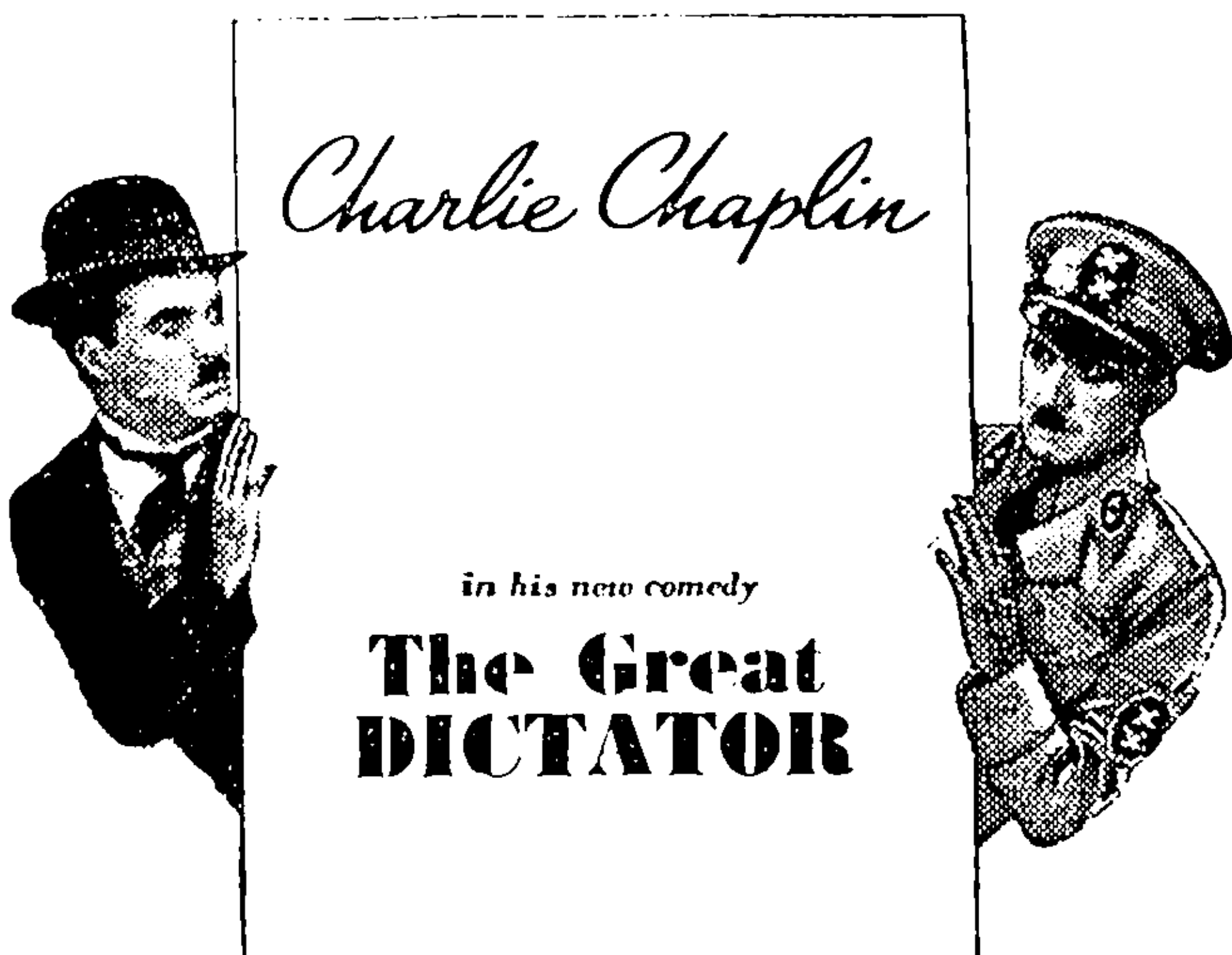
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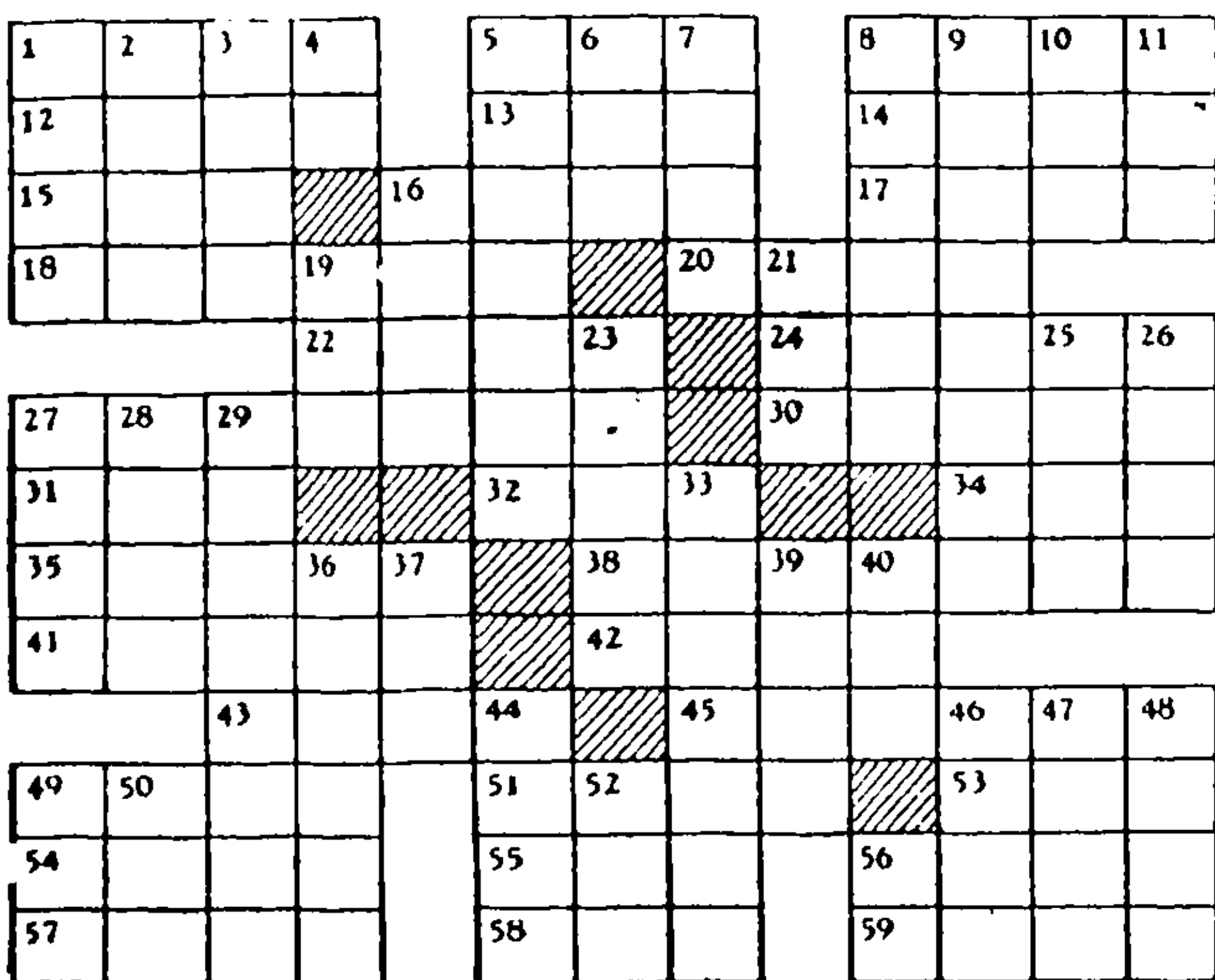
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HORIZONTAL

- 1 To dislike intensely
- 5 Drunkard
- 8 Lyric poems
- 12 Elre
- 13 Before
- 14 List
- 15 Confederate general
- 16 Woody plant
- 17 Mohammedan priest
- 18 Living room
- 20 Persian priestly caste
- 22 Barren
- 24 To burn
- 27 To sparkle
- 30 Feeble-minded
- 31 Vast ago
- 32 Period
- 34 Roving implement
- 35 Ponders
- 38 Thin muslim
- 41 Wading bird
- 42 Needy
- 43 Yucatan Indian
- 45 Planet
- 49 Prohibits
- 51 Sheet of glass

VERTICAL

- 53 Eggs
- 54 Great Lake
- 55 Thus
- 56 Measures of length
- 57 To rip
- 58 Holland commune
- 59 Wings

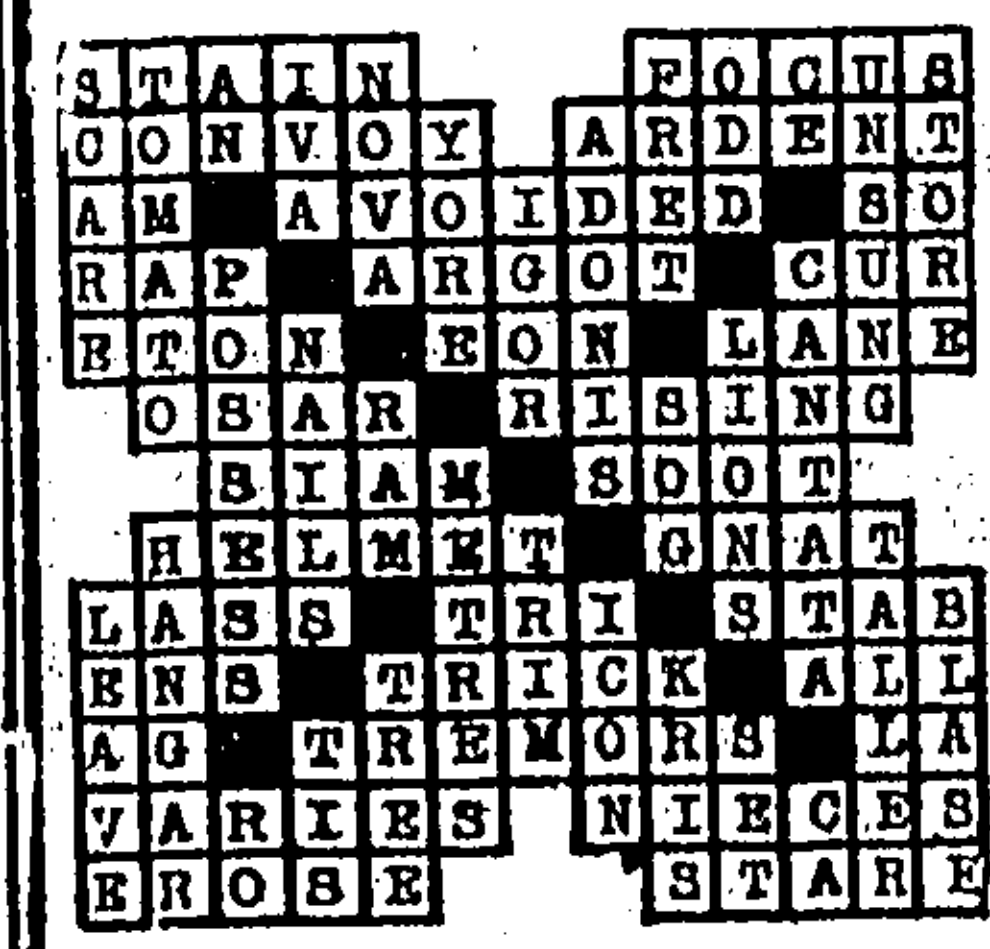
VERTICAL

- 1 Cry for assistance
- 2 Plane surface
- 3 Row
- 4 Half an em
- 5 Pressed together

HORIZONTAL

- 6 Crude metal
- 7 To abound
- 8 Beginning
- 9 Sovereign authority
- 10 Greek letter
- 11 Man's nickname
- 12 Law: wrong
- 13 Buddhist pillar
- 14 King of Judah
- 15 To sag
- 16 Happy
- 17 Weird
- 18 Jewels
- 19 Lazy fellow
- 20 Sleeplessness
- 21 To beat thoroughly
- 22 Rubber
- 23 Firmament
- 24 To pierce
- 25 Constellation
- 26 Part of a church
- 27 Christmas carol
- 28 Part of the eye
- 29 To satisfy
- 30 Wager
- 31 Part of "to be"
- 32 To abet
- 33 Note of scale

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



DEFENCE NEEDS EXCHANGE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The United States and Canada have reached an agreement to exchange defence articles to speed hemisphere defence and aid Britain, says a joint statement issued by President Roosevelt and Mr. Mackenzie King, Canadian Premier.

Under the framework of the Lease and Lend Act, the United States will make available to England "component parts for the use of equipment and munitions which Canada is producing for Britain" which England will immediately relay to Canada.

During the coming year Canada will endeavour to supply the U.S. with \$300,000,000 worth of defence materials "urgently required by the United States for their own purposes."

Reaction To Greek War

Mr. Henry Morganthau and Mr. Harry Hopkins attended the Roosevelt-King conference.

IT IS UNOFFICIALLY PREDICTED IN WASHINGTON THAT THE BRITISH BALKAN SETBACKS WILL BRING A SPEEDY INCREASE OF AMERICAN AID TO BRITAIN.

It is reliably learned that officials were stunned by the swiftness of the German advance and that calculations of British needs were upset.

It is understood that various sources confidently assured President Roosevelt two weeks ago that the combined British, Greek and Yugoslav armies were more than sufficient to check the Italians and Germans for at least four months.

It is emphasised, however, that the United States Government is still confident of the ultimate success and survival of the British Empire, which, it is pointed out, is intact though battered.—International News Service.

SPLIT FINGER WHILE INJECTING HORSE, DIED

While injecting tetanus toxin into a horse, a laboratory assistant accidentally split the index finger of his left hand, and died five days later.

During the injection the needle slipped, and while replacing this the man's finger was injured.

This was stated at a Tunbridge Wells inquest on Alfred Leslie Lay, aged thirty-four, of Fairlawne Stables, Shipbourne, Kent, employed at the Wellcome Research Laboratories.

A verdict of Death by misadventure was recorded.

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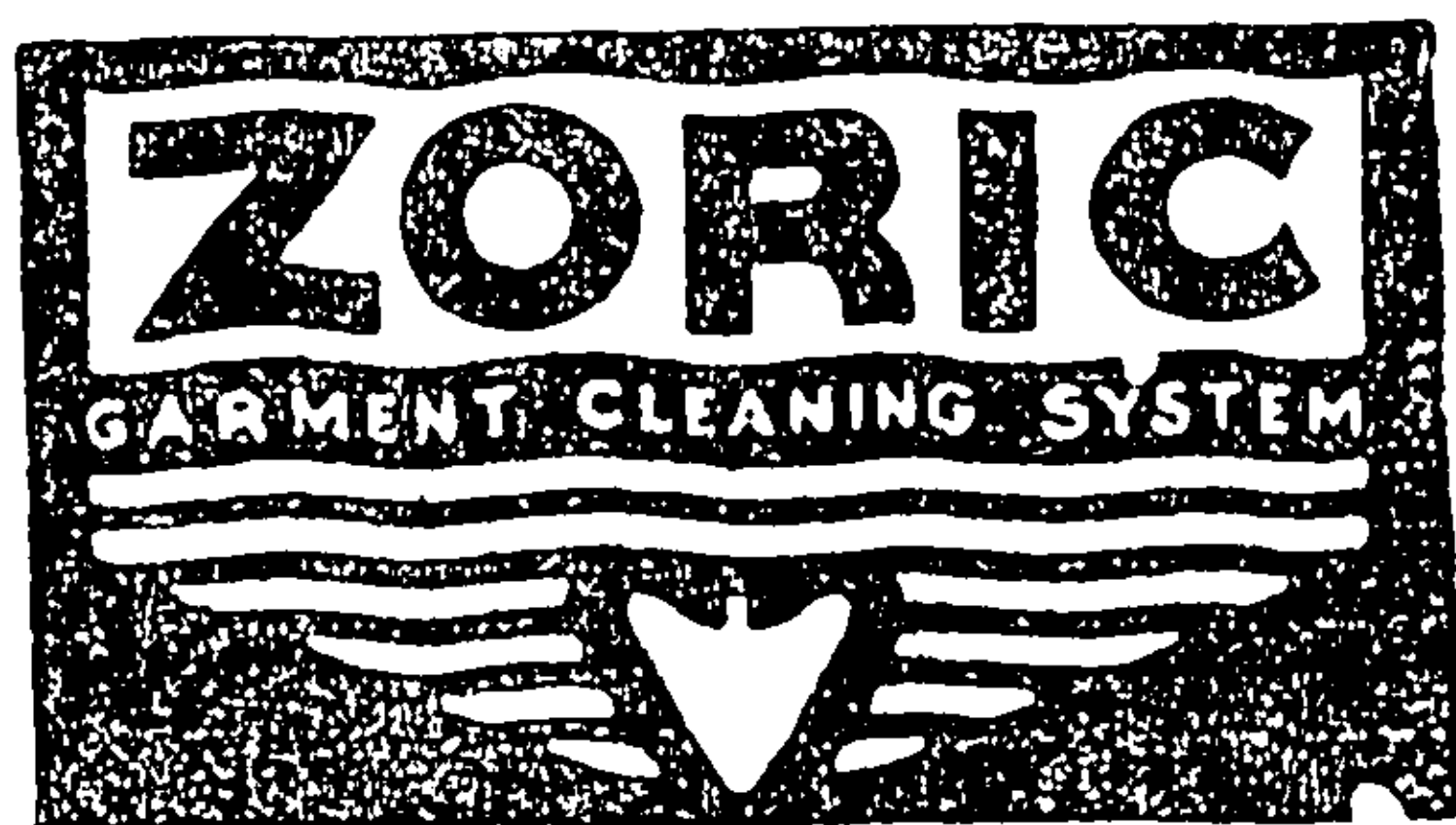
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GERMAN PRESS GETS BY THE CENSOR

IT TAKES THE GERMAN newspapers a long while in these times of war to reach New York. They are being shipped via Siberia and Japan to avoid the British blockade, and this means that the "news" as represented by the German press is several months old upon arrival.

Coming, however, from a country, whose censorship extends to foreign correspondents and radio reporters, these "back copies" make interesting reading in view of the many sidelights they provide on conditions prevailing in that totalitarian state during the second year of its struggle "against the democracies of the world."

Several copies of the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung," known in Germany as "D. A. Z.," have reached here. This Berlin daily is not an extreme Nazi organ such as "Der Voelkische Beobachter" or Dr. Joseph Goebbels' "Der Angriff." But it is under Nazi control as is every other newspaper in Germany. The issues on hand date from Dec. 11 to 18, 1940.

On Dec. 10, at noon, Adolf Hitler addressed an audience of 12,000 munition workers in Berlin. The American morning papers, of the following day printed lengthy excerpts of the speech. The D. A. Z. of Dec. 11 carries a colourful description of the audience of workers, and the enthusiasm with which they received the address, but hardly anything on the speech. Only on Dec. 12, two days after it was made, did the German daily publish Dr. Fuehrer's address at length. This delay leads to the conclusion that the original text underwent a revision before the D. N. B. (short for Deutsche Nachrichten Bureau, the official German news agency) was allowed to release it to domestic newspapers.

Remarkable Passage

The officially approved version of the speech, which Hitler called a "beat insight" into the reasons for the war, covers two full pages of the D. A. Z. It contains the following remarkable passage:

"Only a crazy man can say that I have an inferiority complex towards the British. Are they completely nuts or what? Never did I have an inferiority complex."

Apparently, foreign newspapers in Germany were not in a position to comment on this paragraph. It may be of particular interest to the disciples of the late Dr. Sigmund Freud. Hitler used the word "I" and personal or possessive pronouns of the first person as often as 233 times in his ninety-minute speech, according to the text issued by D. N. B.

The item about the non-existent inferiority complex made a great hit with the audience, the D. A. Z. reported. The paper said, in brackets: "Violent applause, jubilantly answers the Fuehrer." In marked contrast to the "cheers" or "Hear! Hear!" of the pre-Hitler era, other brackets pertaining to the speech read: "The German workers respond to the Fuehrer with roaring applause." "Again the German workers burst out into roaring applause that lasts for minutes." "Again the workers cheer the Fuehrer enthusiastically." "A tremendous storm of applause sweeps the vast hall and culminates in a prolonged ovation for the Fuehrer." "The workers respond to the Fuehrer with a hurricane of applause and greet him with an ovation of unique intensity," and so forth.

An Obituary Notice

D. N. B. quotes Hitler as having said: "When I came to power it wasn't malice on my part that prompted me to turn away from the gold standard, for there wasn't any gold there any longer." Actually, when Hitler came to power the Reichsbank's coverage in gold and "good" foreign exchange amounted to approximately 38 per cent. By August, 1934, it had dropped to roughly 2 per cent.

Among the death and birth items—inserted by families according to the German custom—two are noteworthy. One is an obituary notice for a rear admiral who died at the age of seventy-one, "loyal to the Christian faith of his ancestors." This is an extraordinary paragraph to be found among the gen-

erally conventionally styled obituaries. In examining the notice one finds that the deceased and his family resided at Dahlem, a Berlin suburb known as the headquarters of the so-called "confessional movement," a group that is opposed to the Nazi racial and other doctrines, being introduced into church life. It seems probable that the late admiral, "loyal to the Christian faith of his ancestors," belonged to the followers of Pastor Martin Niemoller, of Dahlem, former U-boat commander, and head of the confessionals, who has been in a concentration camp for more than three years as an anti-Nazi.

Book On Jews

The other item is a birth notice proclaiming that a son was born to a couple in Breslau, Silesia. The happy parents announced that the boy would be named "Knut Christian." Evidently the good "Aryan" names alone do not satisfy these super-nordic-minded parents, for they had the birth notice decorated with a mysterious-looking rune letter in the left-hand corner.

Outstanding in a D. A. Z. book section is an advertisement promoting a book compiled "by order of the Reich leadership of the National Socialist party." It is a handbook called "Dictionary of Jews in Musical Life" and is advertised as "the indispensable party-official volume of reference."

Part of the advertisement seems worth translating. "This book," it says, "contains the names and pseudonyms of and most important data on Jews and half-Jews active or formerly active in musical life. In the case of better known names, such as Bekker, Kestenberg, Kreiser, Mahler, Mendelssohn, Meyerbeer, Offenbach, Schoenberg, Schreker, Weill and others there are itemized critical surveys of their activities, defining simultaneously the increasing Jewification that entered German musical life in the nineteenth century. The important recognitions and knowledge derived therefrom reveal new points of view for the appraisal of Mendelssohn, Meyerbeer and Mahler, as well as Schoenberg and Schreker."

"Blunders"

The last paragraph of the advertisement reads: "All who are active in drawing up and working on musical programmes, also in schools and homes, are dependent on this important handbook if they wish to avoid blunders."

It may be mentioned here that since 1933, when the Nazis came into power, the German theatres have been careful not to commit such "blunders." The musical accompaniment to Shakespeare's "Midsummer Night's Dream" by Mendelssohn, whose name figures among the "better known" of the list, has been dropped, for instance. Half a dozen composers, sponsored by the Nazi Reich Music Chamber as immaculate regarding race and political creed have tried their hand on the "wedding march" since, but their compositions were flops.

Here are some items from the D. A. Z. advertisement pages. In the "help wanted" columns the demand for engineers, technicians and mechanics is, of course, prominent. Among the goods offered, blackout material plays an important role. The Provincial Food Distribution Bureau made known that Berlin citizens presenting their "Reichs egg-rationing card" between Dec. 11 and 15 were entitled to three eggs, the third ration since Nov. 18. The bureau of the Lord Mayor of Berlin an-

TORN FROM PARENT TO PARENT

One of the most tragic stories of modern marriage has just ended.

A year ago Mr. and Mrs. Long lived happily together with their little daughter Jacqueline.

Then they parted. Their home was broken up—but each parent wanted Jacqueline.

Crying pitifully "I want to go to daddy," Jacqueline leaped into her father's arms. Then she was torn from parent to parent.

Mother A Crooner

This terrible fight for a child, in which the bitter hatred of the parents, appalled the onlookers, took place outside the courthouse where they were fighting another battle, at law, for her custody.

The mother, a jazz crooner, kept the child.

She placed Jacqueline in the Sacred Heart Villa, while she went on singing and preparing for the legal battle with her husband.

Now Jacqueline is dead. The doctors, who do not admit the phrase "broken heart" as a medical term, said that she died of a "nervous disease."

Both parents were at the graveside when Jacqueline was buried. They refused to look at each other even across the coffin of their dead daughter.

'NO KILTS, NO FIGHT' THEY SAID

A battalion of the Cameron Highlanders, ordered to fight a rearguard action to hold Arras, refused to go into battle in trousers.

They put on their kilts and went into action with the bayonet, one of their pipers playing the same pipes on which his father played the Camerons into action in the last war.

This incident in the retreat before Dunkirk has just been revealed.

Though there has been no lifting of the ban on the kilt as battle dress, more and more Scottish soldiers are reverting to the kilt when off duty.

Among them are many Scots in the killed battalions of the Dominions. A number of these brought their kilts with them. Others placed orders to have them made as soon as they reached England.

"If they think they can stamp out the kilt by putting us all in khaki trousers they're mistaken," one young Highland soldier said.

"It makes me furious to think those fine Greek highlanders are allowed to go into battle in their kilts while our kilts have been banned."

All the Scottish kilted regiments which went to France with the B.E.F. at the beginning of the war took their kilts with them to wear when off duty.

nounced that an extra ration of 125 grams (about 4½ ounces) of marzipan, or "produce containing cocoa," would be distributed to the holders of food-rationing cards the last two weeks of December, in addition to an equal amount to which they were entitled during that period anyway.

Distribution of these goods is prohibited in cases when the food rationing card is stamped with a "J" (meaning Jew), this advertisement said.

Jews also are excluded from being furnished with apples or pears, while the other Berliners were entitled to one kilogram of these fruits during the second half of December.

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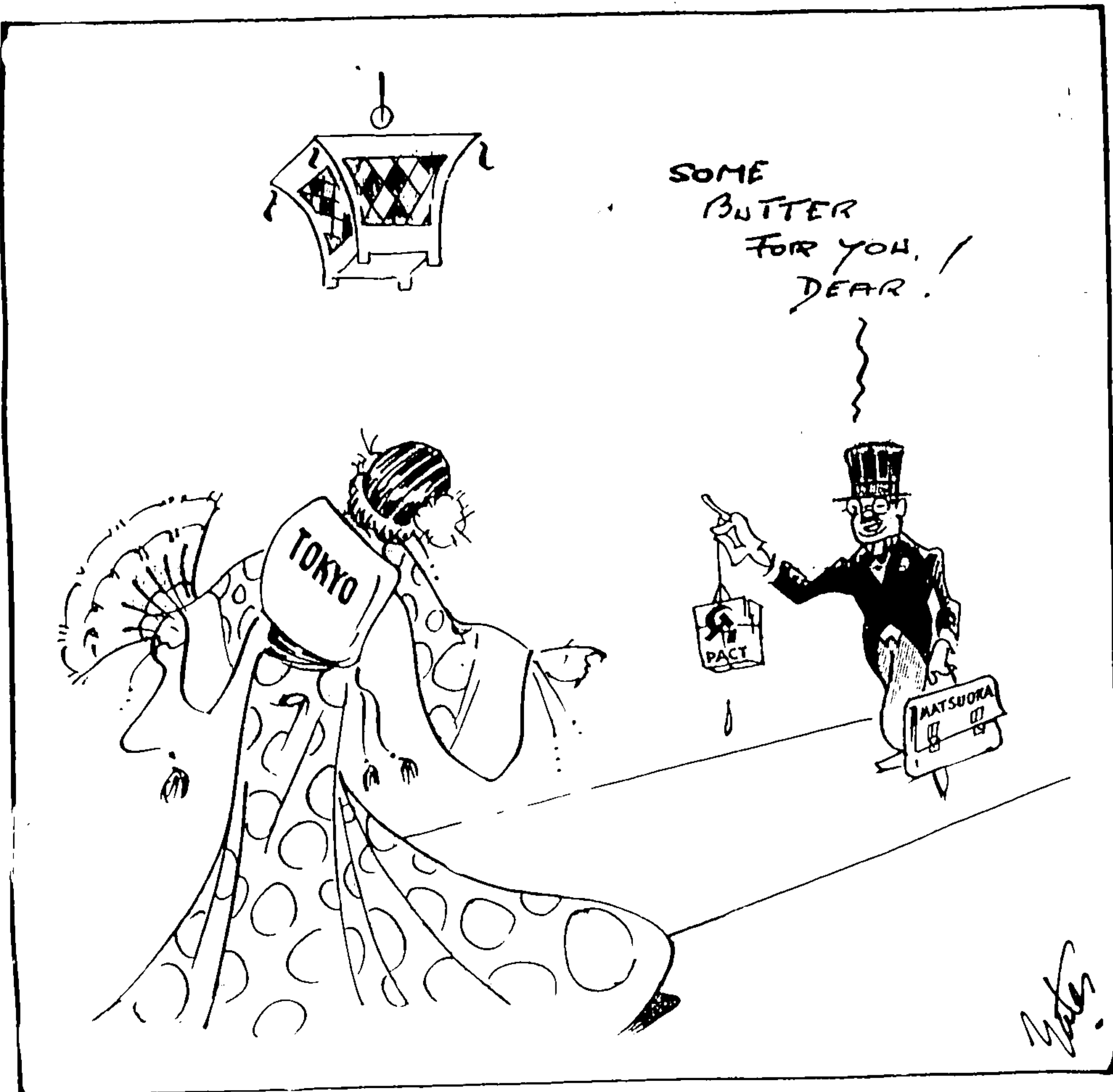
WINDSOR HOUSE

THE BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC

Mr. Alexander's speech draws aside for a space the veil that screens, alike from friendly and from hostile eyes, the vast and complex workings of the Royal Navy. We see, though still only in shadowy outline, how this "sure shield" of the British Empire is employed, ceaselessly, skilfully, multifariously, in warding off the blows of the enemy, keeping the sea routes open, and covering the movements of our forces across the greater part of the world. The late King George's well-remembered metaphor stressed the protective role of the Navy, which from time immemorial has been the chief guardian of the British Isles, and remains as such, despite the changes brought about by aerial warfare. But the Navy is more than a shield; it is a striking force of unrivalled power, and the men who man and direct it are nurtured in the spirit of the offensive that alone gives victory in war. Matapan and the sinking of the German convoy last week furnish evidence enough of that.

No part of Mr. Alexander's address was more revealing, however, than the disclosure that two of Germany's ace U-Boat commanders had sunk ships for the last time in this war. Hundreds of men from U-boats are prisoners, but many hundreds of men are at the bottom of the sea with their submarines. Hitler is by no means having his own way.

What has come to be called the Battle of the Atlantic will rage with increasing intensity during the coming months. Hitler's so-called "total blockade" being his only alternative to the invasion which he has so far hesitated to attempt. Submarines, surface raiders, and powerful bombers will all be thrown into the struggle to bring Britain to her knees, with incessant air raids on ports and railways, as an adjunct to the operations at sea. We may, as Mr. Alexander suggested, receive grievous blows in the course of this ruthless warfare; but the Admiralty is confident of its ability to withstand and counter them. The First Lord disclosed that new methods are being devised to fight the U-boats, stronger escorts are being provided for convoys, and, in particular, counter-measures are being developed to the enemy's long-range bombers which



WHAT! NO GUNS!

Turkish Marshal

Turkey is the fortunate possessor of exceptionally able military leaders. The men who are in command of the Turkish armed forces are not mere theorists in their calling; they have furnished on more than one battlefield practical proofs of their professional skill.

For twenty years they have left no stone unturned to make the army and navy as strong as they can possibly be.

Ever since the late Ghazi, General Mustafa Kemal, first began to awaken the national conscience of his people, the expansion of the armed forces has been one of the first considerations. The great military victory of 1921-22 over the Greeks made possible by the political, intellectual and economic renaissance of Turkey after the Great War, is still interpreted as a warning against even the slightest slackening in the work of military preparedness.

Particular importance is attached to the training of a first-class corps of officers. From the first the Turkish High Command realised that modern warfare, with its new weapons, its revolutionised technique and methods which constitute a break with all tradition, calls for the highly specialised training of a large number of officers of all ranks. This principle has been consistently followed.

The last official figures, issued at the end of 1939, showed a peace-time strength of twenty thousand officers. The adverse effect of the absence of such a

are attacking ships far out in the Atlantic. Losses from the last-named cause have become relatively serious, but one answer to the sea-hawks is the equipment of merchant ships with anti-aircraft guns. Already many big bombers have been destroyed by this means. The protection of the trade routes is indeed "the greatest of the tasks laid upon the Navy," but an Empire which has found the Fleet equal to every demand made on it in the past will have no doubt of its capacity to keep the convoys, with their precious burdens of food and munitions, moving consistently across the oceans.

body of leaders, quantitatively and qualitatively equal to their task, has been proved by the Italian defeats. The grave shortcomings of the Duce's army in this respect sealed its fate and were a powerful aid to the fine strategy and tactics of the British in Libya.

The military policy of Turkey is greatly influenced by the fact that the head of the republic, President Fehmi Inönü, is not only

By Eugene Lennhoff

a remarkable statesman, but himself a brilliantly successful officer. The President, whose military profile and sharply defined war-like features are in contrast to his almost fragile-looking body, is a soldier by conviction. His great victory over the Greeks at Inönü in 1921, when he was Ismet Pasha, besides adding a glorious page to Turkish history, earned for the President the name by which he is now known.

The Commander-in-Chief of the combined forces is the Chief of the General Staff, Marshal Fevzi Chakmak, formerly Fevzi Pasha. He is a man of fifty-six with a dark brown face from which eyes of a still darker hue gaze keenly out on the world. His movements are quick and sprightly. Chakmak is a powerful, dynamic personality with experience of war on several fronts. He fought in Tripoli against the Italians and in the first Balkan war took part in the fierce battles along the River Vardar. In 1915 he commanded a brigade at Gallipoli, but came little into contact with the German Commander-in-Chief, General Liman von Sanders. Although Liman admired the clever tactician, the latter could not conceal his antipathy for imperialist Germany. Later, Chakmak was engaged in heavy fighting against the Russians in the Caucasus. Towards the end of the war he was appointed Minister for War by the last of the Sultans. Furious at his ruler's policy of surrender, Chakmak resigned in 1919 and linked his fortunes with Kemal Pasha, who had just then landed at Samsoun as a preliminary to war with Greece. Both men were sentenced by the Sultan to death.

Chakmak contributed much towards raising the morale and efficiency of his troops. The Anatolian Turks were always magnificent soldiers and under their new leaders their dash and clan developed an irresistible strength. In his treatment of men, Chakmak combined iron discipline with

a paternal affection. He had a very large personal share in the victory of Sakarya, where he was in command of the Second Army and conducted operations, not from Army headquarters, but from among his men in the front line. In 1922 Kemal promoted him Commander-in-Chief and made him a Marshal. In the former capacity he devoted himself heart and soul to carrying out the reforms of his friend and master, Kemal. In one respect, it is true, the views of the two men diverged. In matters of religion the Ghazi was a pronounced free-thinker, while Chakmak is a faithful follower of Islam. During the war of independence the General would often break off the study of his maps to devote himself to prayer. At the same time neither piety nor an ascetic attitude towards his profession interfere with a healthy and vigorous enjoyment of private life. He prides himself on his dancing and is fond of a game of poker.

If the Marshal had little love for the Germany of William II, his aversion for Hitler's Third Reich is much stronger still. The repeated rejection of the Nazi wooings of Ankara was due in no small measure to Chakmak, who remained fully alive to the dangers with which Hitlerism threatened Turkey as well as others—especially after the establishment of the Axis. For this reason much weight attached to his decided views during the negotiations which preceded the Turkish alliance with Great Britain in 1939. Chakmak also warmly encouraged the creation of a native armaments industry with British help against Germany's attempts to secure this business as a monopoly for herself. Not all von Papen's threats and inducements could deflect the Marshal from his purpose.

The peace strength of Chakmak's army is thirty divisions, but in war two million men are at his disposal. Army mechanisation has made great strides in the last few years and a substantial proportion of the infantry divisions, artillery regiments and anti-aircraft and anti-tank units are now motorised. The artillery, which includes a number of fortress batteries for defence of the Straits, was always comparatively strong. The Nazis fully realise the great qualities of their potential enemy, Chakmak, and they respect and fear him. Their leading military organ, "Deutsche Wehr," has repeatedly praised his measures of army reform. After the summer manoeuvres in Thrace last year, which made exceptional demands upon the army's efficiency, "Deutsche Wehr" published several long articles analysing the performance of what it called "Chakmak's splendidly trained and excellently equipped troops."

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**Peace In
Red Sea
Zone**

A British traveller who recently returned to Aden, after a 1,000-mile tour in the southern Red Sea area by air and land, has recorded his impressions of the peace which now reigns over lands with a long history of conflict and which fully justifies President Roosevelt's declaration opening the Red Sea to American shipping.

Particularly interesting are his remarks on conditions in Massawa, now occupied by Imperial forces.

In the harbour lie scuttled German and Italian ships, some of which may be refloated, but elsewhere it is difficult to find any traces of the recent fighting.

R.A.F. bombing had been limited to military targets, such as the aerodrome. People are going about their business freely.

Italian police still function under the military administration set up by the Imperial forces, which is organising the smooth running of the town's life.

The road to Asmara, which is also intact except for the aerodrome, is open to motor traffic for the whole 75 miles, repairs having been effected at three points where it had been destroyed. — British Wireless.

**PEIPING
BOYCOTT
FANATIC**

Boycott of British goods was yesterday described by Lang Ying-hsu, chairman of the Peiping People's Anti-British Association, as one of the most important tasks of that body.

He said: "British goods have almost disappeared from local markets as a result of our efforts in the past two years, in addition to the interruption in importation of such goods."

"During the past month we have exercised great vigilance in regard to the sale of British goods."

He urged that no leniency should be shown to anyone openly selling British goods.

Another important aim of the Association, he added, was to urge Chinese landlords to take possession again of houses they leased to Britons.

Summing up his report the speaker concluded: "I have merely given a report on what is important and can be published. There are still many other activities which it is inadvisable to mention here." — Reuter.

**CAPT. JAMES
ROOSEVELT**

The local American Consulate-General has no information regarding the reports of Captain James Roosevelt's visit to China.

The Senior Consul stated this morning that he could not say whether Captain Roosevelt would be coming to Hong Kong or not. He had not received any official information.

"They travel so fast nowadays. Sometimes they inform the Consulate, sometimes they do not," said Mr. Bruins.

MINES ADRIFT

Mariners are warned against two floating mines which have been reported off the foreshore of Lantau Island in a north-westerly direction from Adam's Rock Beacon.

**SINO-AMERICAN
STABILISATION
FUND AGREEMENT**

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the U.S. Treasury, expects that a Sino-American stabilisation agreement will be signed before Saturday.

Under the agreement the United States will advance \$50,000,000 to stabilise the Chinese currency with the Chinese monetary silver stock as security. — International News Service.

**CHUNGKING
POSTS**

The National Government announced the following appointments yesterday:

Mr. Yin Jen-hsien, Director of the Public Loans Department of the Ministry of Finance;

Mr. Ma Tai-chun, Director of the Salt Revenue Department of the Ministry of Finance;

Mr. Li Jui, Secretary of the Ministry of Finance;

Mr. Liu Kai, Counsellor of the Chinese Embassy in Washington.

Mr. Li Yi-an, reserve member of the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee, is expected to become Secretary-General of the Ministry of Overseas Affairs. — Central News.

**BIG WAR LOAN
RAISED IN CHINA**

A preliminary check-up yesterday revealed that subscriptions to China's wartime bonds to date as a result of the Wartime Bonds Campaign amounted to approximately \$100,800,000, being 68 per cent in excess of the estimate. The final results will be announced at the end of this month. — Central News.

**PRINCESS
ELIZABETH**

Princess Elizabeth, who celebrated her fifteenth birthday quietly in the country with the King and Queen, Princess Margaret and a few close friends received a large number of messages of congratulation from the Empire, many of which were sent by schoolchildren. — British Wireless.

**MR. SOUTHARD
TAKING HOLIDAY**

Mr. Addison E. Southard, American Consul-General for Hong Kong, accompanied by Mrs. Southard, left for the United States on three months' vacation.

Mr. John Herman Bruins, Senior Consul, assumes charge of the Consulate from to-day.

**ROYAL VISIT TO
BELFAST**

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester paid a surprise visit by air to Belfast yesterday and made a tour of the bombed areas. Their last visit to Ulster was in 1935, when they spent part of their honeymoon there. — British Wireless.

**SIR G. WHISKARD'S
NEW POST**

Sir Geoffrey Whiskard, whose term of office as High Commissioner in Australia for Britain has recently expired, has been appointed Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Works and Buildings. — British Wireless.

**Belgium
Firm In
Resolve**

Baron Jules Guillaume, Belgian Ambassador to China, who recently arrived in Chungking, was yesterday the guest of honour at a tea reception.

Replying to an address of welcome, Baron Guillaume declared that though Belgium is now under German occupation, she still possesses the Congo, and the Belgian will of resistance remains firm. The Belgian Government now in England, he said is making preparations for a counter-offensive and the entire Belgian Air Force has been transferred to England where it is fighting side by side with the R.A.F.

Concluding, he expressed the belief that China would also win the final victory in the present war.

The Belgian Ambassador was entertained at a welcome dinner given by the Sino-Belgian Boxer Indemnity Fund Commission in the evening. — Central News.

**SCRAPING
OUT THE
BARREL**

Including an overnight Order, requisitioning a further 164 United States securities for payment on June 3, the British Treasury has altogether mobilised 521 Wall Street issues since February, 1940.

The present list includes 69 common stocks, 56 preferred stocks and 39 bonds.

Besides well-known securities such as the Aluminium Company, Baltimore and Ohio, Cities Service, Firestone Tire and Rubber, Goodyear Tire and Rubber, International Paper and Power, Monsanto Chemical, National Biscuit, Phelps Dodge, Shell Union Oil (controlled by Royal Dutch Shell), Southern Railway, Standard Brands, Standard Vacuum of Indiana, and Youngstown Sheet and Tube, the list includes the names of lame ducks clearly showing the extent to which the Treasury is scraping from the barrel to mobilise all possible dollars. — Reuter.

**WAR GAMES
FATALITY**

A FATAL ACCIDENT OCCURRED DURING THE LOCAL MANOEUVRES WHICH BEGAN LAST TUESDAY MORNING AND ENDED ON SATURDAY NIGHT.

This was disclosed by a military spokesman this morning.

The war games were described as "satisfactory" by the spokesman.

The soldier involved in the fatal accident was Private Nazir Ali, motor-cycle despatch rider, who was killed on Friday whilst riding the vehicle.

No further details of the mishap are available.

**A. R. P. AT
NAVAL YARD**

The Naval Authorities will be holding A.R.P. exercises as follows:—To-day from 10.45-11.45 a.m. and again from sunset to sunrise on 23.4.41. On Tuesday, 29th April, 1941, from 10.45-11.45 a.m. and again from sunset to sunrise on 30.4.41.

During these periods, the Naval Yard air raid sirens will be sounded.

**URUGUAY BRITONS
DONATE**

The British Patriotic Committee Victory Fund of Uruguay has sent a further £1,545 for the purchase of aircraft. — British Wireless.

THE NORTH SHOWS ITS USUAL FIGHTING SPIRIT

THE KING AND QUEEN came to Manchester to inspect air-raid damage and took away with them a stirring picture of the North's fighting spirit.

Standing before the remains of her home a woman of 69 said to the Queen: "The old devil has not done for me yet, and he won't either."

Other instances of Northern grit were supplied by the woman warden who, asked by the King if she was out during the Blitz, replied: "Yes, and if they give us some more I'll still be there," and by the girl ambulance driver, who told the Queen, "I would not have missed it for worlds."

Though the Royal visit had been kept a secret the news spread in magical fashion. Bunting was draped over ruined houses, cheering, singing crowds flocked to line the roads and their Majesties received a "gradely" Lancashire welcome.

The King wore Field-Marshal's uniform and the Queen an attractive ensemble in Air Force blue.

They drove straight to see bomb damage near a local factory. As they walked through the ruins of little houses, the people in undamaged works crowded to fire escapes, cheering and waving.

Responding with a wave, the Queen smilingly asked some of the women "Do you think we are going to win?" The answer was prompt and emphatic, "You bet we are."

The Queen Wears

After scrambling in unprotected shoes about the muddy site, the Queen made a quick change on rejoining her car. She slipped on a pair of booties.

The suggestion that the Women's Voluntary Services should be retained after the war was made by the Queen in conversation with Mrs. Rothwell, area organiser of the W.V.S.

"I hope the W.V.S. will go on afterwards," said her Majesty, "for they are doing splendid work, and in housing and other things there is so much to be done."

Their Majesties entered the burnt-out section of the Manchester Royal Exchange. Crowds outside, bursting through the police cordon, invaded the floor just in time to see the King and Queen sign the visitors' book, which had been recovered from the fire baked but intact.

As they left, the Queen observed, "I hope to come back to see it again in happier days."

Their Majesties complimented the authorities on the rapid progress made in clearing away damage and said they had been greatly moved by the way the city had come through its ordeal.

WOODEN SHOES FOR PARISIANS

Dress styles inspired by Hungarian peasants and Spanish dancers caught the eye of a large throng of visitors at Maggy Rouff's where standing room only was the order of the day. Spectators consisted almost entirely of private clientele, including some visiting Germans.

Spanish evening dresses were shown in printed crepes with wide skirts flounced with black lace and big black lace sleeves. Full shirred peasant skirts of checked silks were topped with black velvet boleros worn over balloon-sleeved sheer white blouses.

Day dresses featured peasant blouses and reflected the Spanish influence in boleros and toreador sashes.

FATSHAN SAILING

The s.s. Fatshan which sailed for Canton on Saturday morning, will be making the return voyage on Thursday.

BRITAIN TO GET 15,000 'PLANES

Official sources revealed in Washington that the lend-lease programme now calls for the production of 15,000 'planes, 330 merchant ships and about 5,000 tanks for the British. Great Britain, officials said, has expressed hope that the U.S. will be able to complete this programme by July, 1942.

The programme, which also provides for large quantities of ordnance and food, will be financed by the \$7,000,000,000 war-aid appropriation.

Most of the planes will be tactical craft, predominantly bombers. Approximately 13,000 of them will be for the R.A.F. The remainder will be for the Fleet Air Arm.

Most of the tanks will be medium types, virtually the same as those being produced for the U.S. Army.

The merchant ships, officials indicated, will be similar in design to the 60 vessels now being constructed in this country for the British.

A large number of aircraft engines and a sizeable order of machine tools also will be produced for the British.

According to one defense official, the British are placing more and more emphasis on finished products from the U.S. rather than on raw materials.

Germany, he said, is still far ahead of Britain in producing for war and "the British needs are terrific." The Germans, he added, have very effectively mobilised the resources of occupied countries.

MY MONTHS IN ARMY—BLIND MAN

Ronald Mitchell is registered in Dundee as a blind person. Yet he was called up from the Royal Dundee Institution for the Blind—and spent five months in the Army.

"I liked it—it was first-rate," he said at the institution. "I got plenty of drill, as a private in the R.A.M.C., and some lectures—I was told I was A1 except for my eyesight."

"I was wearing glasses, and can only read large print by holding a book close to my eyes, but I thought I could show my patriotism by registering."

Yet

When daylight faded, and during the night, he had to be led about by a soldier friend. His sight departed with the sunlight.

The friend had to be there, too, on dark mornings so that Ronald could find his way to breakfast.

Mr. F. W. Hooby, manager of the blind institution, came back from a holiday, discovered that Ronald had gone, and reported to the authorities.

The blind man who became a soldier got his discharge—but only after five months.

Said Mr. Hooby: "How Ronald managed to stay in the Army so long is a complete mystery to me. One cannot but admire his spirit, for he is liable to become totally blind in a few years."

"We have had difficulty before in keeping some of our blind men from registering for service."

SIR WALTER CURRIE DIES AT 84

The death is announced of Sir Walter L. R. Currie, Bart. He was 84, and succeeded his brother, Sir Frederick Reeve Currie, in 1930.

Sir Walter's only daughter, Lady Goring, wife of Captain Sir Forster Goring, died a fortnight ago at a Berkshire nursing home.

Sir Walter is succeeded by his son, Walter M. C. Currie.

BRITISH SKINS FOR WAR EFFORT

British moleskins are the best in the world, but until lately they have been regarded as the Cinderella of the fur trade, writes Corsande.

Now there is an opportunity to turn them to profitable account. The Fur Trade Export Group, who are supported by the Board of Trade, want ten million English and Scottish moleskins between now and March.

The skins will help to provide foreign exchange to pay for war supplies, and to develop markets which should be of great value to farmers and the fur trade when the war is over.

It takes from 400 to 600 moleskins to make a full-length coat.

In the last war, when supplies from abroad fell off, the trapping and collecting of moleskins in Great Britain became a lucrative industry, and a useful contribution to our export trade.

Later, when supplies from the Continent increased, the trapping of English and Scottish moleskins dwindled, and many farmers paid to have the animals destroyed.

Now the farmers are asked to cooperate in providing the skins, for which promising markets are being developed.

"GOOD OLD ENGLAND!" SAYS SHOT-DOWN NAZI

THE GERMAN PILOT of a Junkers 88 bomber shot down with a blazing wing on marshland near Great Yarmouth said to his captors: "We are in good old England at last. It is like coming home."

The tall, well-built pilot, and his crew of three had their hands in the air. They had just handed over their revolvers to Mr. Harry Thain, drainage engineer, and his friend, Mr. Robert Sadler, market gardener, of Somerton.

A few yards away was the rubber boat they had dragged from their machine. For a moment or two they seemed to have a notion of escaping across the cold, grey water of the North Sea—until Thain and Sadler ran across the fields.

The Admiralty announced that the bomber was shot down by H.M. trawler Galvani (Temporary Skipper M. P. Pack).

The 353-ton trawler had no damage or casualties.

Describing the capture of the bomber's crew, Farmer Frank Starling, who drove up in his tractor with a fire-pump in tow, said: "They all looked jolly pleased to be in Good old England." One had a damaged knee, and another's forehead and scalp were badly singed.

"But the pilot was smiling and handing round cigarettes. He spoke excellent English, and seemed to know this part of the country well. And the sea didn't look at all cheerful this morning—least of all to four men in a rubber boat."



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Applications should be sent to reach the Director of Public Works not later than noon on Monday, 22nd April, 1941.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

The FOURTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 26th April, 1941, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

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No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tiffls are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy, (Tel. 21920).

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C. B. BROWN,
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BRIDGE NOTES

DECIDEDLY IMPERFECT BIDDING

By The Four Aces

To-day's hand was sent in by our old friend Bill Lee, of Chicago.

South, Dealer

Neither side vulnerable

♠ K 8 6 2
♥ 5
♦ A K Q 9 8
♣ 6 5 2

♠ Q 10 4
♥ J 10 9 8
♦ 3
♣ 7 4 2

♠ A 7 3
♥ A K Q 6
♦ 10 6 3
♣ A K 9

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

North wasn't even close to a bid of two diamonds, of course, but South's bidding was quite logical. If North had a real jump bid, the combined hands would surely contain about fifteen tricks!

West opened the Jack of hearts, and well, we'll let Mr. Lee tell his own story. "When dummy came down I swallowed my tonils, but recovered and took inventory. Two rounds of hearts, with East playing deuce then four, indicated a five-card suit on my left. Two rounds of diamonds dropped East's Jack, showing the distribution of that suit. And the Ace-King of clubs caused East to make a crack about bidding three-card suits. That gave me a count on all four suits!

"I cashed the third high heart, discarding dummy's low club, and ran the rest of the diamonds. At the end, dummy had three spades and a diamond, while I had two spades, a heart, and a club. East, with three spades and the high club, had to release a spade; whereupon I parted with the club. Now it was West's turn to be squeezed!"

"Said my partner, 'I guess that was perfect bidding, eh?' What could I say?"

All we can say is that North was lucky to have a partner who could play well enough to make up for his overbidding.

Yesterday you were Merwin Mauer's partner, and with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ K J
♥ K J 9 4
♦ 8 5
♣ A J 9 3 2

The bidding:

Mauer	Jacoby	You	Schenken
1♠	1NT	Dbl.	Pass
Pass	2♥	Dbl.	Pass
Pass	3♣	(?)	Pass

ANSWER: Double. This is the one suit you are best prepared to defend against. If this contract is allowed to stand, you may collect a small fortune. Score 100% for double, 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 696

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues.

Mauer	Jacoby	You	Schenken
1♠	1NT	Dbl.	Pass
Pass	2♥	Dbl.	Pass
Pass	3♣	Dbl.	Pass
Pass	3♦	(?)	Pass

What do you do? (Answer To-morrow.)

(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

LABOUR SCARCITY IN GERMANY

Germany is making enormous efforts in industry to maintain its huge war machine. Before hostilities began German production was already on a war footing. The war, of course, took a large number of men out of industry and agriculture. Severe measures have so drawn on reserve labour resources that German man-power is fully engaged. Ruthless compulsion has put every man at the disposal of the Government to order him where it will, and when, and to work the hours prescribed, though even the German Government had to yield on its refusal of pay for overtime work.

Women have also been called back into industry, to the undoing of the Hitlerian declaration that the sphere of woman was to be the home and cradle-side and single women and others with few family responsibilities, or none, are subject to compulsion.

How many men Germany called out of industry for service with the forces is not known with any exactness. The way in which the loss to industry has been made up is, so far, approximately as follows: Drawn from reserves of man-power (men retired or formerly in other occupations), 1,000,000; women (in addition to the large number taken into the auxiliary military organisations), 300,000; additional foreign labour, 600,000; prisoners of war who can be used for civil work, 1,000,000.

Evidence Of Fatigue

There are still some reserves of women who, by a tightening of the screw of compulsion, might be drawn into industry, and married women are being brought in on a half-time system to work 30 hours a week. Little, if any, more can be done by longer hours of work for men. Indeed, the efficiency limit has probably been passed and there is evidence of fatigue which is detrimental to output.

There is an insufficient number of skilled men, and strenuous measures are being taken to train men in the works and in Government training establishments which some time ago were keyed up to the training of 2,000,000 men a year. Skilled metal workers are most wanted, and there is also an unsatisfied demand for miners. The movement of workers from one employment to another is prohibited except with the consent of the labour exchanges. Pages of newspaper advertisements attest the insufficiency of different classes of workmen.

Failure Of Transport

How Germany will proceed with further measures to meet her industrial demands can only be a matter of speculation. An effort is being made to recruit Swedes, voluntarily of course. Sterner measures may increase the flow of men from the occupied territories. Not much has been done in this way in France and the Germans have many thousands of French prisoners of war in France. There is also the possibility of bringing into use the factories of the occupied territories or transferring their machinery to Germany, always provided that raw materials and transport are available in sufficient amount.

In the opinion of some authorities who are studying conditions in Germany, the failure of transport may be more decisive than the insufficiency of labour or materials. Transport is one of the most important governing factors in Germany's industrial war effort.

"DON'T TELL AUNTIE"

The "Careless talk may give away vital secrets" placards used widely in Britain now have their counterparts in the United States war department.

New posters adorn the army's central offices in Washington. Decorated with cartoons, they bear the words: "Don't tell auntie or uncle or Cousin Jane, and certainly not your girl." — Associated Press.



No matter how much effort you put into trying there's always room for improvement.

DUKE'S ORCHIDS

Settlement of a libel action in which the plaintiff was the Duke of Westminster and the defendants "Daily Mirror Newspapers, Ltd., was announced to Mr. Justice Wrottesley in the King's Bench Division.

Mr. Valentine Holmes, for the Duke of Westminster, said that a short time ago the "Daily Mirror" under the heading "Cassandra" and the title "Fragrant Fragments" published this:

Six hundred and forty-three children under sixteen were killed in air raids during the month of October.

The Duke of Westminster's famous collection of orchids has arrived in Florida in fifteen packing-cases and will be cared for until the end of the war by an expert florist.

"The obvious suggestion," said Mr. Holmes, "that the Duke is spending money in sending orchids to America and leaving them cared for here while poor children whose parents cannot afford to send them across the water are being killed is as offensive and damaging as it is untrue. How widely such unfounded statements can be spread and how damaging they can be is perhaps best shown by the fact that the announcer on the Bremen Radio, who is usually known as Lord Haw Haw, repeated them for German propaganda purposes.

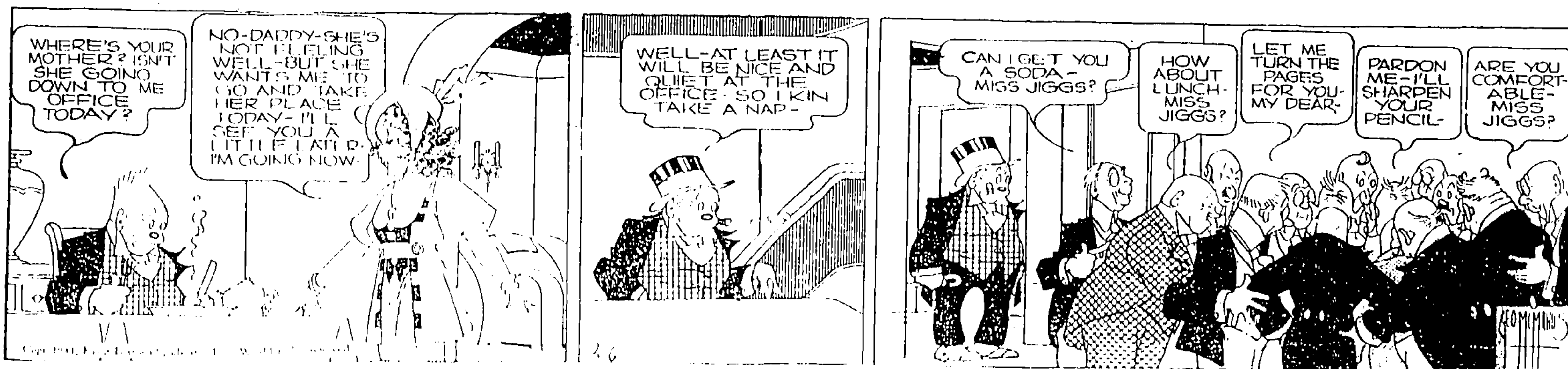
"Not only is this statement untrue, but it is the exact reverse of the truth. Since the outbreak of war the Duke has been at very great pains to cut down his expenditure on his hothouses and flower gardens to an absolute minimum and to use them only in a way which will assist the national effort to produce food."

Counsel added that the Duke had sold orchid plants of great value and a number had been resold to the United States, which produced American currency for this country. This action was not brought to put any money in his own pocket; and as soon as the true facts were brought to their notice the defendants indicated their willingness to do everything in their power to avert the consequences of the mistake into which they had unwittingly fallen.

The Duke had therefore agreed to a settlement on terms which involved the payment of a sum of money which he would hand over to a charity concerning itself with the interests of children who suffered in air raids.

Mr. G. O. Slade, for the defendants, said they desired to express their sincere regret to the Duke for having been misled into publishing a statement about him which they now knew to be entirely without foundation. The statement which appeared in the "Daily Mirror" and other newspapers emanated from a source which had hitherto been found reliable.

Mr. Justice Wrottesley allowed the record in the case to be withdrawn.



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Growth After Maturity

Vitamin E, in general, is present in adequate amount in our average daily diet, and only in rare instances need it be taken in concentrated doses. It is an essential factor in growth after sexual maturity for it apparently has a specific effect upon the processes involved in reproduction.

Dr. Casimir Funk and Dr. Harry Dabin, pioneers in Vitamin research, state: "The human requirements for Vitamin E are not definitely known. The effect of E deficiency have been observed accurately in animal. In rats, there is paralysis of the hind legs, loss of hair, degeneration of sexual organs, and death of the unborn young. In chickens, there is a low percentage of hatchable eggs, as well as a high mortality of newly hatched chicks."

Which Food Contain Vitamin E?

As healthy, keen fertility, good lactation, abundant hair growth and a specific resistance to genital infection are dependent upon sufficient Vitamin E, it is good to know that these foods contain it: Corn oil, Herring oil, Linseed oil, Peas, Soybean, Watercress, Milk, Eggs, Mince, Meats, Fish, Peas, Beans, Macaroni, Lentils, Whole Grains, Wheat Germ Oil and nearly all of the green leafy plants which we include in our menu.

Experiment has indicated that the action of Vitamin E in the correction of habitual miscarriage has been rendered by addition of calcium, iron, and phosphorus, together with Vitamins A and D in concentrate form.

Essential Minerals Explained

You may be confused when you are told to determine whether you are getting sufficient Vitamins and Minerals in your food. If you have been following these Vitamin series, you know pretty well which foods contain them. Now for the minerals.

Calcium, phosphorus, iron, copper and iodine are vital and you may be deficient in them. You are less likely to be deficient in zinc, magnesium and manganese. If you eat unripened fruits and vegetables, which are grown in soil which does not lack minerals, you should get sufficient of the minerals mentioned above. That is if you balance your menus so you eat some of all fruits and

vegetables and do not cook them to death. You are urged to eat as many fresh fruits and vegetables raw as is possible for it has been definitely proven that vitamins and minerals are destroyed by the heat of cooking and still others are dissolved in the cooking water which most housewives "pour off", and discard. One should save the water in which vegetables or fruits are cooked.



RITA HAYWORTH of Columbia Pictures. Abundant hair and exquisite skin texture are only possible when menus include all vitamins and minerals.

Fleshy Upper Arms Require Massage

As one matures and is less active, fat tends to accumulate on the upper arms. This area of the body is most susceptible to fat. This fat is called "hard fat" and it is not easy to banish unless one combines professional massage and muscle firming exercise.

Correct massage of fleshy upper arms does not mean pounding away at the fat bulges, it means reaching deeply to the root of the cause and breaking down that fat-maker. This requires toning, tightening and strengthening of the muscles—just as one would do by playing tennis steadily. The task calls for an expert masseuse who understands the formation of arm muscles.

Along with massage treatments a woman should practice daily arm exercises such as rowing, or the old-fashioned stretching ones—placing hands on shoulders and then flinging them out to the sides, back and up and back. You know, one, two, three, four.

Here are a few more to add to your reducing routine.

1—Hold arms out at sides shoulder level. Make fists out of hands. Then holding arms high

shake fists back and forth rapidly so fleshy part of upper arms shake like jelly! Shake hard, relax, shake again.

2—Hold arms out as in Exercise 1. Swing fists in wide circles as high as possible. First clockwise and then counter-clockwise. Relax, repeat.

3—Stretch and grasp hold of the top of an open, sturdy door in your home. It should be high enough to permit you to hang without feet touching the floor. Hang as long as you can then drop down and relax. Hang whenever you think about it. This exercise is not only good for giving the maximum of stretching to your arms but it also limbers and strengthens your spine.

3—For very fleshy arms on overweights this exercise is suggested. Sit on the floor, place right hand flat on the floor palm downward, about eight or ten inches from body. Without moving the hand a trifle, make your elbow describe small circles—a rapid shaking of the upper arm. When you begin to feel a strain in upper arm, stop and relax. Do the same with left arm. Alternate for at least ten minutes.



Bar work in a gymnasium also reduces fleshy upper arms. Here a beauty in the Dorothy Gray Salon holds onto bar at head level with elbows pressed back hard, as she raises her knees alternately and stretches them across body. Supporting leg is kept straight.

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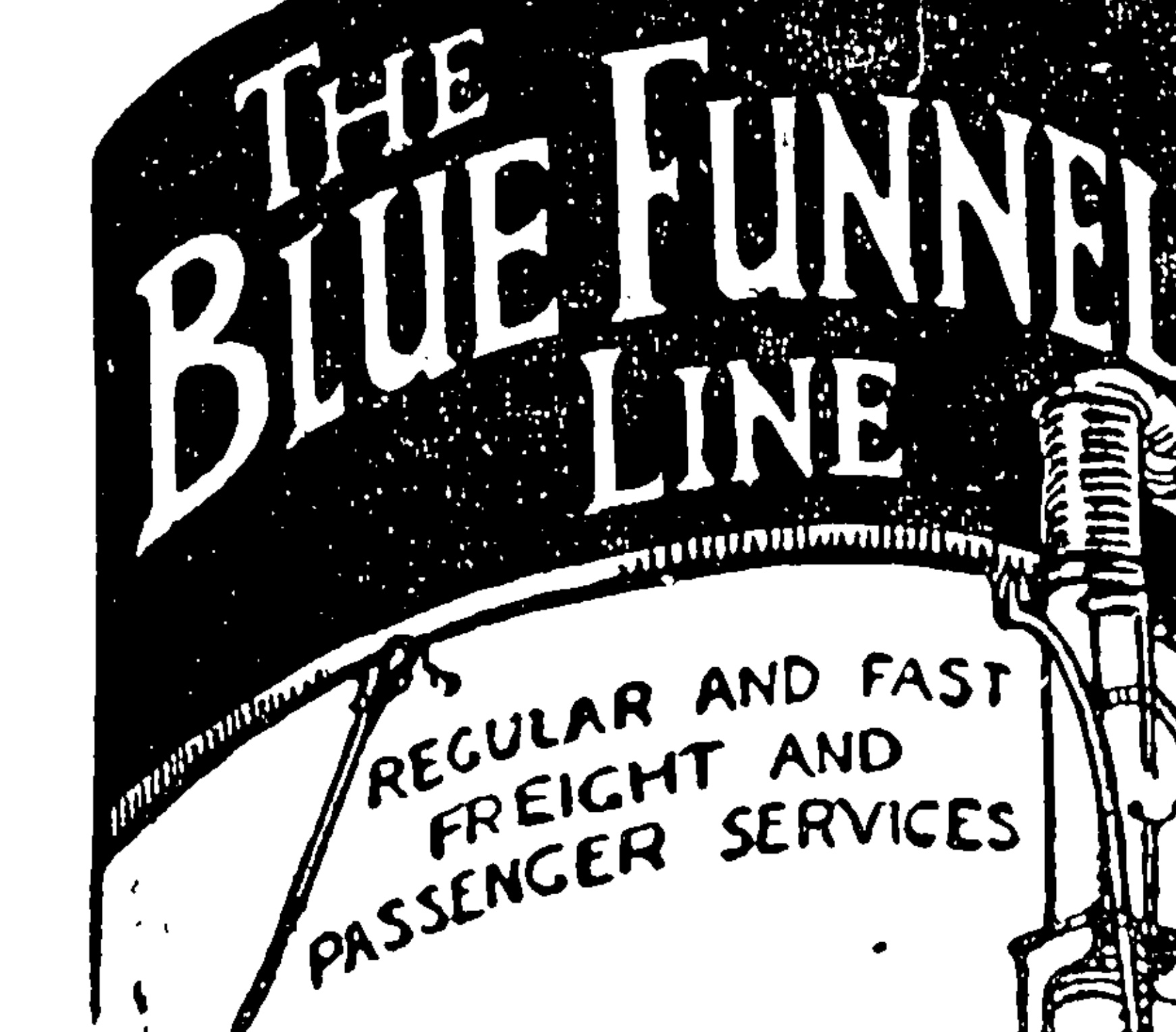
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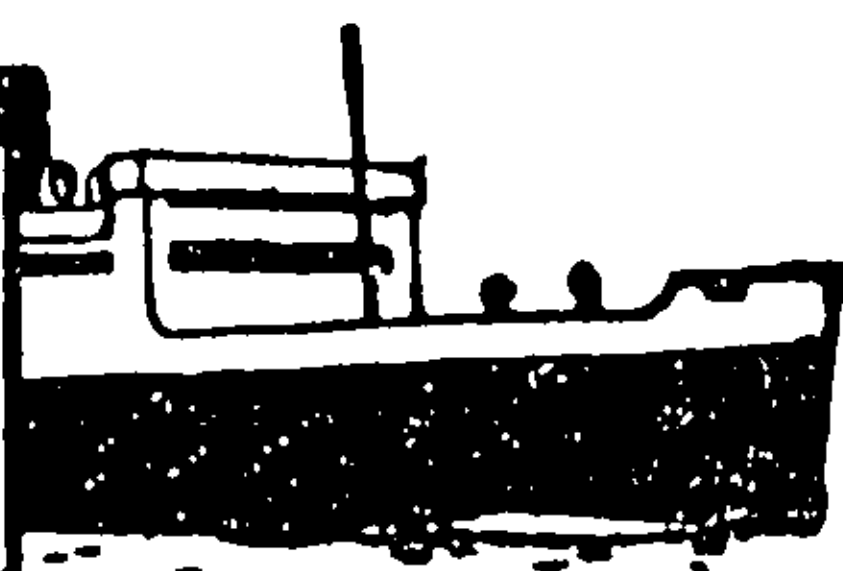
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7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: "Bri-

ton Speaks"

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8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and An-

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8.02 p.m.—John Gay's "The Beggar's

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Mildmay, Michael Redgrave, Ruby

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9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

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10.00 p.m.—London Relay — "Scots

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Someday, Sweetheart: That Da Da

Strain... Muggsy Spanier & his

Ragtime Band.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

BOYS ARE BETTER COOKS THAN GIRLS

(By A Special Correspondent)

BECAUSE THEIR COOKING is better than the girls', schoolboys at Nelson Street elementary school, Birmingham, cook dinners for their masters four days a week. The girls do the cooking only one day.

I found a dozen boys between the ages of ten and twelve preparing a dinner of fish pie, cauliflower and potatoes, and a milk pudding, for their masters. Two of the boys were cooking a special dinner for the house master.

In their white aprons the boy cooks were busy over pastry-boards and the gas-stove while their teacher, Mrs. D. Douglas, watched them.

More Methodical

"I seldom have to correct them once I have told them what to do," said Mrs. Douglas. "Boys here are much better cooks than the girls. They are much more methodical with their cooking."

"Cooking and other domestic subjects are now on our curriculum for boys. They learn how to do washing and bring their own shirts here to wash and iron. We have a different course of boy cooks every morning."

What'll Mother Say?

Dennis Rudge, aged twelve, of Shakespeare Road, Birmingham, who has eleven brothers and sisters, told me: "I like cooking. Yesterday the boys turned out a special dish of sausages and chawl, brussel sprouts and potatoes. It was one of our special wartime dinners."

"I'm sure I can cook the Sunday dinner at home, and I'm going to ask mother if I can do it one of these week-ends."

The headmaster of the school told me: "All the masters enjoy the boys' cooking. The boys turn out our dinners like professional cooks. But I must not say too much against the girls."

SHE WAS "MOTHER" TO THE TROOPS

Eight A.A. gunners took it in turns to sit night and day by the sick bed of Mother Gregg, who since the outbreak of war had devoted her life to the welfare of soldiers. Her home at Scunthorpe, Lines, was "open house" to the troops billeted in the district.

When she died, six of the gunners acted as bearers at her funeral. Flowers from "the boys" were laid on her grave.

Mrs. Gregg was sixty-two. She whist drive at her home in aid of collapsed while preparing for a soldiers' comforts fund, and died the following day.

ROOSEVELT CHURCH DOES BIT

President Roosevelt and the parishioners of St. James' Episcopal Church, the only American church in which rules of Britain have worshipped, have offered their bit of financial assistance to the Church of England.

The President, who as Senior Warden holds the highest lay office in the parish, presided at a meeting of the Vestry, which voted to give the loose collection to the Church of England.

The Protestant Episcopal Church in the U.S. is trying to raise \$300,000 to send to the English Church, which has suffered from the ravages of war along with other British institutions.

King George VI, head of the Church of England, and his Queen attended divine services at St. James on June 11, 1939, sitting beside the President and Mrs. Roosevelt.

In the course of the morning announcements, the rector, the Rev. Frank R. Wilson, said that a special offering would be taken up this Sunday and next to help the Church of England.

"The Church in England is scattered," he said. "It is like a fold without sheep. The men are in arms, the women in factories, and the children have been transplanted."

"The Church, as England knows it, is not now functioning. They have asked if the daughter church will come to their aid."

"We have a real obligation to the Church of England, particularly here in this parish, where a little over a year ago we had assisting with us in the services that morning the Royal Family."

Mrs. Sara Delano Roosevelt, the President's mother, drove to church with her son.

After a big Sunday dinner, Mr. Roosevelt devoted some time to routine business. As usual during visits to his home, the President was keeping tab on international and domestic developments by means of a direct telephone wire to Washington.

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U.S. WOMEN'S AID TO BRITAIN

American farm women in 36 States have contributed \$1,300 to buy pressure canners and tin can hand sealers for use in British home conservation of vegetables during the coming summer.

The fund, still growing, is being accumulated by Miss Grace E. Fryssinger, of the Extension Service of the Department of Agriculture, who had had long association with British women as Vice-President of the Associated Countrywomen of the World.

British women says Mrs. Fryssinger, always have been enthusiastic gardeners. "They have learned through their women's institutes, similar to our home demonstration clubs to 'bottle' their fruits, as they say over there, but they have done very little home canning of vegetables. The need for salvaging every ounce of home grown food is now evident."

Although the Ministry of Conservation, as well as the U.S. Department of Agriculture, advises use of pressure canners for best results in vegetable conservation, they are not manufactured in the British Isles. Therefore the British women placed an order in the United States and asked their American friend to help pay for them. Miss Fryssinger sent out an appeal through state home demonstration leaders, who have in turn carried the campaign to farm women's clubs all over the country.

BLIMEY! 'YOU DID YOUR BIT' WOMEN TOLD

Tribute to the women of London who carried on in the "bravest city the world has ever seen" was paid by Admiral Sir Edward Evans, one of London's Civil Defence Commissioners.

He was touring civil defence areas in North London when a woman shouted, "Admiral, tell us something."

Admiral Evans replied, "Certainly madam."

He jumped on a pile of timber salvaged from the wreckage of homes and said:

"Londoners are amazing the world by their cheerfulness and good humour despite all that they have been through. When the war is over and men of the Services ask you what part did you play in it, and you tell them you were the women who carried on in London, they will take off their hats and say, 'Blimey, you did your bit!'"

RESISTANCE BY THE CZECHS

(From A Diplomatic Correspondent)

REPORTS FROM THE CZECH "protectorate" indicate that the Germans have not so far succeeded, in spite of their terroristic methods of government, in breaking the spirit of the people. On the contrary, the Czechs are strengthened by the successes of the Greeks and by the news of the calamities befalling the Italians in Africa.

The German censorship, of course, makes sure that the Czech public receives in the newspapers only a grotesquely distorted picture of the situation. Thus any reference to the Greek war is forbidden, and the press may speak of it only as a "conflict." In an article recently handed out to the Czech newspapers the position of the rival navies was summarised as follows:—

Britain has suffered considerable losses in the Mediterranean during recently weeks, whereas the Italian Navy is unimpaired. Since her entry into the war Italy has lost but a single cruiser. British losses over the same period have amounted to a whole squadron.

Nevertheless the people are aware of the true situation. They listen to foreign broadcasts, and especially to those from London, with greater fervour, perhaps, than any other people of Central and Eastern Europe, and all the threats and penalties imposed by the Germans cannot stop them. In the Brno district alone there have been over 700 arrests lately for this "crime."

Listening-in is not, of course, the only punishable offence or the most grievous. In the past few months 500 elementary school teachers have been placed under arrest for activities alleged to be disloyal to the regime.

Hypersensitive Censors

Religious persecution has been intensified, that of Catholics in particular. The Catholic weekly "Medele" which has a circulation of 100,000, has now been banned because a recent issue contained the sentence:

When the day of judgment comes, true greatness will be appraised, and we shall be astonished then what small mat-

ters appear great, and what great things appear small.

To the hypersensitive German censors this remark seemed derogatory to Hitler so the staff of "Medele" is imprisoned. A similar fate has overtaken other Catholic journals.

The humiliation of the Jews continues. Civil servants have been expressly warned by Neurath, the "Protector," that social relations with Jews are forbidden and will be punished. Plundering of Jewish property goes on, and the majority of Jewish shops in Prague have already become "Aryanised." In the provinces, young Nazis have invented their own technique of "Aryanisation." When in need of money they make raids on Jewish families and demand contributions, with the threat that refusal to comply will mean the concentration camp.

The resistance of the people, perhaps, gains additional stimulus from the seriousness of the economic situation. Coal is short, and there is very little meat. Beer is poor in quality, and only skimmed milk can be kept for the Germans. Real coffee can no longer be bought and butter is dear.

SPITFIRE SQUADRON BAGS 130

A Spitfire squadron engaged in the defence of London claimed its 130th victim a few days ago when a Junkers 87 dive-bomber, which had been attempting to attack shipping, was shot down near a Kentish town, states the Air Ministry news service.

Four Spitfires attacked the dive-bombers one after another, and the leader of the formation, a pilot-officer with nine victories to his credit, finished it off.

One of his cannon shells struck the petrol tank of the Junkers as it was trying to escape and flying at only 300 feet.

The raider burst into flames and crashed beside a road, the pilot being hurled 60 yards away from the machine.

The action was watched from the ground by the leader of the Spitfire squadron, a Canadian D.F.C.

"I got the greatest thrill of my life," he said afterwards "seeing for the first time from the ground a German bomber being bumped off."

"I also had a personal interest in the show, as the Spitfire which finished off the enemy machine was mine—I had lent it to the pilot officer."

"There was quite a little ceremony in the mess afterwards as we rubbed out the number 129 on the score board and chalked up 130 as having been definitely destroyed by our squadron."

TREATMENT OF SHOCK IN ENGLAND

A special dye, unobtainable in England, is to be flown from the United States on the next Clipper for research scientists conducting experiments into treatment of shock at the London Hospital. If the experiments are successful it is probable that thousands of lives will be saved.

Only ten grams are obtainable, but the dye, known as T 1824, is vital to the success of the research.

In secondary shock the most serious form, prostration, is mainly due to a great fall in blood pressure, which in turn is due to a fall in the volume of the circulating blood. It is this which is the main subject of the present investigation.

A drug known as D.O.C.A. is also being used in the research and might very well prove to be the key to the cure of shock. Efforts are being made at the hospital to prepare a potent substitute for the drug, which comes from the Continent.

D.O.C.A., which controls the amount of sodium and potassium in the blood, is a hormone derived from the cortex of the suprarenal gland. Scientists are interested in the possibility that the disturbance of potassium which occurs in the blood in secondary shock may be acting as a heart poison. For this reason, observation on shocked patients, in whom the blood potassium is grossly affected, is being made with the electrocardiogram.

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FINE RECORD EQUALLED BY C.P.O. HOPKINS

By "Pip"

A FRIENDLY SHOOT was held on Sunday morning at the Taikoo Rifle Range, under the auspices of Hong Kong Police Reserve Rifle Club, and some 20 riflemen, representing the U.S.S. Tulsa, H.K.N.V.F., H.K.P.R.C., and H.K.V.D.C. "shot it out."

Having invigiled myself in the Range and, in view of the poor lighting conditions, obtaining, C.P.O. Hopkins is to be especially congratulated. In reaching his total, C.P.O. Hopkins dropped one point at 200 yards, and one point at 600 yards, and his possible at 600 yards was duplicated by G. C. Lee, also of Tulsa.

Tulsa emerged winner in their match with H.K.P.R.C. by a margin of 18 points, 550-532, the score being taken from the best of 100, and in the title, State and Province Pair Shoot, the Michigan team, composed of and Eshenheimer, carried the day, leading Fukuken by a score of 18-10.

Navy Still Tops

Pleasant Surprise

Before proceeding further, it must be admitted that what little enthusiasm I had was fast disappearing what with thoughts of the usual out and dried procedure associated with rifle meetings, and the disappointment at not being able to come a wash out with a "peep."

The pessimism proved to be entirely unfounded, however, and the occasion turned out to be a most pleasant outing with plenty of very good, good, and not so good, shooting. (The latter category is specifically reserved for the writer.) For those who wanted it, and who didn't, satisfaction in the shape of sandwiches, of varying hues, and savour, together with liquid refreshers, both stimulating and not-so-stimulating, were also in abundance.

Apparently, Mr. A. C. Chan, the general secretary of the H.K.P.R.C., had left nothing to chance, as even a medico was among those present in the person of Dr. Richardson, of U.S.S. Tulsa. Incidentally, the Doc seemed to be pretty good with his medicine and fired a mean pellet. Ranges fired at were 200, 500 and 600 yards, application, and notwithstanding tricky and deceptive light, which more than made up for the absence of wind, the shooting was of a high standard.

Record Equalled

Special mention must needs be made of the excellent performance of C.P.O. Hopkins, who blazed his way to an aggregate of 103, out of a possible 105. This score equals the record for the Taikoo

TO-DAY'S BADMINTON

Following is to-day's Badminton Championship programme:

Ladies' Doubles

Miss M. M. Silva and Miss M. A. Xavier v. Miss M. Ribeiro and Miss C. M. Silva (7.30 p.m.)
Mrs. N. Castro and Miss T. Gonzalez v. Mrs. Terribile and Mrs. Zimmerman (7.45 p.m.)

Senior Doubles

Y. P. and M. P. Young v. P. K. Hoo and H. F. Chew (8.00 p.m.) P. H. Wong and C. Au v. K. W. Choy and K. B. Lo (9.30 p.m.)

Junior Doubles

A. L. Fisher and P. Winger Bath v. J. L. Anderson and W. G. Githes (8.4 p.m.)

BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

Following were yesterday's Badminton Championship results:

Mixed Doubles: M. Castro and K. W. Choy beat M. M. Ribeiro and P. Wong 15-7, 15-8.
Senior Singles: K. W. Choy beat P. K. Hoo 15-2, 15-1.
Junior Singles: A. L. Fisher beat J. Odell 15-10, 15-3.

for the sake of those interested, "Bill" Hutchinson was rated as one of the best shots of Shanghai and the Far East for the past 15 odd years.

Going back to the H.K.P.R.C., Mr. Chan informs me that it is only during the last 18 months, or so, that he has taken up shooting seriously and that he was coached by Hutchinson. Having seen some of Mr. Chan's capabilities with the rifle, all that needs to be said is that they made a good job of it and this is further attested to by the high standard of shooting as put up by the members of this club.

Before concluding, I would like to mention that the rifle used by C.P.O. Hopkins, the Winchester Match Rifle, or, as they call it, the "Bull Rifle," appears to be a real work of ingenuity. There are gadgets on it galore, including about four sights, and I still feel that with a little more effort they could get that gun to shoot around corners.

It is to be hoped that in the future more friendly get-togethers will be arranged as, apart from improving one's shooting, they are most enjoyable affairs. Sunday's was anyhow, and add no end to the good fellowship and camaraderie so much desired in this little colony of ours.

Following are the scores of Sunday's matches:

TULSA v. H.K.P.R.C.

	200	500	600	Total
Tulsa	34	35	34	103
Hopkins	34	32	32	98
Eskew	32	35	30	97
Lee	30	32	30	92
Shetenheim	29	33	30	92
Kleinfeiler	29	33	30	92
Richardson	29	23	30	88
Totals	281	281	281	570

	200	500	600	Total
H.K.P.R.C.	31	33	33	97
Carey, F. R. L.	31	33	33	95
Carey, G. J. P.	30	33	29	92
Chau	29	32	30	91
Chan	30	31	29	90
Thong	30	30	27	87
Tso	30	30	27	87
Totals	281	281	281	552

INTER-STATE AND PROVINCE PAIR SHOOT	
MICHIGAN (Hopkins and Shetenheim)	185
FUKIEN (Carey Bros.)	182
KWANGTUNG (Chan and Chau)	183
MINNESOTA (Kleinfeiler and Mebus)	179
TEXAS (Richardson Bros.)	176

BRITISH NAVY v. U.S. NAVY	
BRITISH NAVY	
F. R. L. Carey, Lieut.	4 4 4 5 4 4 4—29
G. J. P. Carey, Lieut.	5 4 5 4 4 5 5—32
Totals	61*
U.S. NAVY	
F. Eskew, C.P.O.	5 4 4 5 4 3 5—30
G. C. Lee	4 5 4 5 5 4 4—31
Totals	61
* Winners on count-out.	

DOYLE THINKS CONN CAN BEAT LOUIS

JACK DOYLE, the big sporting odds man, not only thinks Billy Conn has a chance to win the heavyweight championship from Joe Louis but goes into boxing history to prove his point, writes Larry Rollins.

"Billy Conn? Yes, I think he's got a good chance. I don't think so at first, but I do now. He's pretty cute. So if it goes the limit, he's got to win, doesn't he?"

Doyle, a veteran raconteur, paused and then settled comfortably in his chair.

"Let's go back to the Corbett-Jeffries fight at Coney Island for a comparison," he began.

"It was August 14, 1900 Corbett, the smart guy, and he was smart, he beat himself with his smartness."

"I remember there was a fellow in New York then, Tim Sullivan, who was the big boss of the boxing, stronger than ten Mike Jacobs," Doyle said.

"We were at the meeting arranging for the fight, Corbett insisted on 25 rounds. Sullivan wanted 20, and threatened never to let Corbett fight again if he didn't give in."

"Well they signed for the fight. A couple of days later Corbett came out and said he'd not fight unless it is 25 rounds, he didn't care what Sullivan or anyone else said. So they had to give in."

"What a fight it was! Which brings me back to my theory and that Corbett outsmarted himself. He demanded 25 rounds and finally got it. If he had let them put it on for 20 rounds he would have won!"

"That night he was a great fighter, probably better than any other time in his life at 34. But in the 21st round Jeff hit him with a left hook and he went down. But oh, he was an actor! He got up and looked back and pointed to a wee spot on the canvas. It wasn't bigger than a dime, but he was trying to make Jeff think he had slipped."

"But he was hurt. That punch slowed him a bit. And in the 23rd round Jeff, who had not been hurt by any punch Corbett landed, knocked him out."

"Now Conn isn't the boxer Corbett was, or will be. Nobody ever was or will be. But neither is Louis in a class with Jeffries. Louis is slow and can be hit—and hurt. When he is hurt he is befuddled."

"If this Conn is smart and keeps away from Joe's left. If he will get up when he is hurt. If he will stay and jab-jab-jab. If he'll keep Louis away from him and off balance for 15 rounds—he is a winner, isn't he?"

"But suppose Billy should walk in and try to punch, should get cocky or careless?"

"Oh, well," replied Doyle. "Then he'll get his head knocked off. But I like him. He's got a heart. He's a real Irish fighter."—Associated Press.

YVONNE YOLLE SETS THREE NEW RECORDS

Three school records were beaten by Miss Yvonne Yolle at the Annual Athletic Sports of the French Convent school held at Causeway Bay yesterday.

The new records created were: Long Jump (Senior) 14 ft. 9 ins. as against Yvonne's own record of 13 ft. 9 ins. last year; High Jump (Senior) 4 ft. 4 ins. as against her previous record of 4 ft. 1 ins.; and Softball Throw (Senior) 167 ft. 5½ ins. as against Teresa Norenha's record of 147 ft. last year.

THE RESULTS

The results were as follows:
50 Yards Junior: 1, C. Yolle; 2, M. Swaine; 3, S. Hardoon.
100 Yards Junior: 1, C. Yolle; 2, S. Hardoon; 3, J. Chan.
100 Yards Senior: 1, Yvonne Yolle; 2, J. Curreen; 3, P. Pires.
Long Jump, Junior: 1, J. Chan; 2, M. King; 3, J. Brooks (11 ft. 8½ ins.).
Senior: 1, Yvonne Yolle; 2, J. Yolle; 3, J. Hardoon (14 ft. 9 ins. Record).
High Jump, Junior: 1, I. Brook; 2, S. Hardoon; 3, R. Alaraka (3 ft. 6½ ins.).
Senior: 1, Yvonne Yolle; 2, J. Curreen (4 ft. 4 ins. Record).
220 Yards Senior: 1, Yvonne Yolle; 2, J. Curreen; 3, P. Pires.
50 Yards Backward Race, Junior: 1, S. Hardoon; 2, J. Summers; 3, M. Lewis.

Net Ball Goal Throw, Junior: 1, M. Swaine; 2, M. Curreen; 3, B. Kovack.
Senior: 1, J. Yolle; 2, J. Curreen; 3, E. Tam.
Prefects' and Captains' Race: 1, I. Brooks; 2, J. Yolle; 3, J. Yolle.
Invitation Relay Race, Girls: 1, Diocesan Girls' School; 2, Belilos.
25 Yards Guides' Wheelbarrow Race: 1, D. Hardoon and S. Spencer; 2, L. Kwong and H. Alaraka; 3, S. Hardoon and M. Swaine.

100 Yards Hockey Dribble, Senior: 1, P. Pires; 2, Y. Yolle; 3, J. Yolle.
50 Yards Sack Race, Junior: 1, H. Stevens; 2, R. Azina; 3, M. Mul.
Softball Throw, Senior: 1, Yvonne Yolle (167 ft. 5½ ins.) Record; 2, J. Anderson; 3, J. Yolle.
Three-legged Race, Junior: 1, H. Lee and J. Chan; 2, B. Kovack and D. Pires; 2, J. Nesbit and J. Lee; 3, Senior: Yvonne Yolle and J. Curreen; 2, P. Pires and D. Hardoon; 3, W. Eng and M. Yeung.

Invitation Relay Race, Boys: 1, King's College; 2, La Salle.
Guests' Race, Ladies: 1, Miss L. Anderson; 2, Miss I. Castilho; 3, Miss M. Marques; 2, Mr. A. P. Silva.

50 Yards Siamese Twins Race, Junior: 1, C. Nguyen and M. Pomey; 2, S. Hardoon and M. Swaine; 3, B. Kovack and D. Pires.

Dressing Race, Senior: 1, J. Ho; 2, J. Yolle; 3, J. Curreen.
Teachers' Race: 1, Miss M. Noronha; 2, Miss J. Choa.

100 Yards Past Pupils' Race: 1, Miss L. Anderson; 2, Miss I. Castilho.
Inter-Class Relay, Junior: 1, Class 6A; 2, Class 5A, Senior: 1, Class 1; 2, Class 3.
Inter-Class Tug-o'-War: Junior, Class 6; Senior, Class 1.

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Army Not Withdrawing From The H.K. Football Association

Military Teams Have Successful Soccer Season

ATHLETIC MEET POSTPONED

By Squaddy

At a meeting of the Council of the Football Association held recently it was stated that a Military league might, in future seasons, be run and that all Military teams withdraw from the Association. This statement is without foundation as the proposal has never been discussed as to whether Military teams should withdraw from the Association. If this were true, it would do more harm to Army Football than good.

FOOTBALL

At last the local football season has almost come to a close and Military teams on the whole have not done so badly.

In First Division Middlesex and Royal Scots finished fourth and fifth respectively. The former who have produced some excellent football this season, have had a great find in Thomas, left half, and who towards the end of the season was playing well above the standard of any left half in the Colony. He should be a great asset to the Army selectors for the next football season although the Army half back line is strong.

Royal Scots have been unfortunate in finding a good forward line. It was not until late in the season that they promoted Auld as centre forward where he has greatly improved their election committee and led his top goal scorer in the Colony with a goal to his credit.

The Second Division saw Army in a more prominent position by having Royal Engineers as winner, and Royal Army Service Corps runners-up, and with the latter also as winner of the Junior Shield which they retained for the Army for the third successive year.

R.A.S.C. have also set up a new record for goals scored in one season by getting 106 thus beating the old record of 95 goals.

Royal Engineers only lost one league match during the season and finished six points in front of the runners-up.

The Third Division this season was a tight thing with Royal Air Force and Royal Signals playing off for the title which resulted in a win for the Airmen.

Air Force have been very unlucky during the season by losing seven of their players, but they still managed to keep aloft and well deserved their victory.

Following are winners of the various competitions organised by Army.

FOOTBALL

Small Units Knockout Competition. Winners:—H.Q. Coy., 1st Bn. Middlesex Regt. Runners-up:—D Coy., 2nd Bn. Royal Scots.

RUGBY

Small Units. Winners:—Royal Engineers. Runners-up:—2nd Bn., Royal Scots. Large Units League. Winners:—Royal Engineers. Runners-up:—Royal Artillery. Seven-a-Side. Winners:—Royal Engineers. Runners-up:—5th A.A. Regt., R.A. Team.

CRICKET

Large Units. Winners:—Royal Engineers. Runners-up:—Combined Small Units. Small Units. Winners:—Royal Army Service Corps. Runners-up:—5th A.A. Regt., R.A.

HOCKEY

Large Units. Winners:—1st Bn., Middlesex Regt. Runners-up:—2/14th Punjab Regt. Small Units Knockout Competition. Winners:—30th Hvy. Bty., R.A. Runners-up:—3rd Med. Bty., H.K.S.R.A. Six-a-Side. Winners:—Runners-up:—

CROSS COUNTRY

Indian Units Run. Winners:—1st H.K. Regt., H.K.S.R.A. Runners-up:—2/14th Punjab Regt. British Units Run. Winners:—1st Bn., Middlesex Regt. Runners-up:—2nd Bn., Royal Scots.

BOXING

Inter-Unit Novices. Winners:—2nd Bn., Royal Scots. Runners-up:—1st Bn., Middlesex Regt. Inter-Unit Team Competition. Winners:—2nd Bn., Royal Scots. Runners-up:—1st Bn., Middlesex Regt.

ATHLETIC

The Area Athletic Meeting which was the commence today at the Polo ground, Boundary Street, Kowloon, has been postponed to Tuesday, April 29.

Following is the complete programme.

110 Stone Turf of War (Semi-final). A. Throwing the Discus (Final). 2 Miles Relay (Heats). Putting the Weight (Final). 440 Yards Relay (Heats). Throwing the Hammer (Final).

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

1st Stone Turf of War (Semi-final). A. 1st Stone Turf of War (Semi-final). B. 300 Yards Relay (Final). Throwing the Javelin (Final). 1 Mile Relay (Heats). 1 Mile Relay (Final). 400 Yards Hurdles Relay (Heats). 1 Mile Relay (Final). 400 Yards Hurdles Relay (Final). 1 Mile Relay (Final). 1 Mile Relay (Final). 1 Mile Relay (Final).

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2 Miles Relay (Final). 300 Yards Relay (Final). 1 Mile Relay (Final). 400 Yards Hurdles Relay (Final). 1 Mile Relay (Final). 1st Stone Turf of War (Final). 440 Yards Relay (Final). 1st Stone Turf of War (Final).

PACE OF GOLF IS INCREASED

You can take it from Gene Sarazen (who should know) the golf pace is quite a bit faster than it was a few years ago, writes a correspondent.

Sarazen and Ben Hogan won the 18th annual international four-ball tournament recently with a 4-and-3 victory over Ralph Guldahl and Sam Sneed in the final. Just 15 years after Gene first shared top honours in the event.

"It was a hundred times harder this year," said Sarazen, possibly exaggerating a trifle. "There are so many more good golfers around nowadays."

Won In 1928

Sarazen teamed with Johnny Farrell to defeat Tommy Armour and Bobby Cruickshank in the 1928 four-ball final. Before and since then he has won two national opens, one British open and three P.G.A. championships, and he still has a lot of good golf left to play. He first won the United States open in 1922, repeated in 1932, and hopes to win again in 1942.

Still wearing the knickers that were an emblem of his profession years ago, Sarazen proved in this renewal of the \$5,000 four-ball that he is still far from through.

Hogan's First Win

It was Sarazen who won an extra-hole match with an eagle in the second round and scored another eagle the next day to reach the final.

Hogan, who has led the nation's money winners for two years, cracked loose with a tremendous scoring spree down the home stretch, but it was Sarazen who came through with the clincher, a 25-foot chip shot for a birdie on the final hole.

Hogan birdied seven out of 14 holes toward the finish, and his \$1,000 share of the victory boosted his year's purse earnings to \$8,055. It was Hogan's first 1941 victory after five times capturing runners-up money.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's Tennis Championship programme.

OPEN DOUBLES

Semi-Final

Team: Wang and Tsai, Yan put v. G. W. Sewell and D. M. MacDougall (Stand Court).

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Semi-Final

C. H. R. Oxley v. F. W. Carter (7). CLUB HANDICAP DOUBLES. 1. M. S. Lloyd and A. D. Humphreys (3.6) v. R. H. Blake and H. C. D. Knight (3.6) (4).

FRANCE "PURGES" JEFF DICKSON

The fifth list of "purged" Paris business firms, which appeared in a recent official journal, contained the sports company headed by an American, Jeff Dickson, who during the 20 years between the World War and the present war was France's outstanding sports promoter, states a message from Vichy dated April 5.

Jeff, a native of Jackson, Miss., came to France with the A.E.F. signal corps as a frontline photographer. A small-size Tex Rickard, he rapidly monopolised French sports and had a virtual monopoly on French boxing, wrestling and ice-hockey. Because of his successful sports promotions he won great popularity and was knighted by the French Government in the Legion of Honour.

Launched Sonja Henie

Dickson interested the skating star, Sonja Henie, in professional exhibitions and finally sent her to America after several successful seasons in his Paris Palais des Sports.

Jeff garnered enormous publicity. At one time he was named a potential savior of Sonja but the romance never materialised. More than a year before the present war Jeff scented the conflict and closed the Sports Palace. He went home and married a wealthy Boston girl and never came back.

Dickson did more for French boxing than anyone since Georges Carpentier. He developed, among others, the former world champion Primo Carnera. His keen business sense was best reflected by the considerable fortune he acquired during the days of the Popular Front when he rented his Palais des Sports to rival political parties for their rallies. He cooked up bitter oratorical rivalry between the leading political parties throughout the winters of 1935 and 1936 and never had a vacant night.

The decree named two administrators of his sports combine. All the other firms on the list were given new administrators under the anti-Jewish law but Dickson lost control of the firm because of absent ownership.—United Press.

CHINESE CHESS CONTEST

The local Chinese have organised a chess contest in support of the Aeroplane Fund Campaign launched by Chinese artists in Hong Kong. The tournament will commence at the beginning of next month. It is learned that two of the nation's ace chess players will participate.

ARMSTRONG'S EXIT: ZIVIC IS PRAISED FOR FINE VICTORY

HENRY ARMSTRONG was nursing painful wounds in seclusion while Fritz Zivic, having battered the once cyclonic Armstrong out of pugilism, was looking for more worlds to conquer as holder of the world welterweight championship he won from Armstrong last October, writes J. P. Dawson from New York.

In the aftermath of Armstrong's farewell battle there were sympathy for a gallant warrior, admiration for his courage and marvellous resistance to punishment as well as a new and better appraisal of Zivic as a fighter and champion.

The only fighter ever to hold three world championships at the same time the featherweight, lightweight and welterweight crowns, Armstrong took his leave of the sport with the distinction of having contributed to drawing the largest crowd ever assembled in Madison Square Garden for a sports event, and that means the largest indoor sports crowd in the world.

All Records Broken

The gathering of 23,190 paid \$78,242 for the spectacle. It was estimated that more than 5,000 fans were turned away. The Jimmy McLaughlin-Ray Miller bout of March 22, 1929, drew the old record crowd, 21,712. The records proved erroneous a belief that Jim Maloney and Jack Delaney held the previous record. Their battle on Feb. 18, 1927, drew 20,000 persons, \$18,184 paid. The Golden Gloves amateur tournament has touched 22,000 as its peak.

Zivic's immediate ring future is uncertain. He injured his left hand in the tenth round and the hand was so swollen the champion cancelled a flight with Promoter Mike Jacobs of the Twentieth Century S.C. to Miami in order to go to Pittsburgh for treatment. Until Zivic's hand is normal, Manager Luke Carney said, he would not commit the champion to a bout, although proposals have been made for a return match between Zivic and Lew Jenkins, the world lightweight champion.

Treated By Doctor

Armstrong had his wounds treated at the office of Dr. Alexander I. Schiff immediately after the bout, and went into seclusion thereafter. After giving the beaten fighter more than an hour of

treatment, Dr. Schiff issued the following statement:

"Armstrong's forehead is edematous. The edema extends down to the cheeks and backward to the temples. The right eye has three longitudinal cuts. The left eye has one longitudinal cut. The most serious cut extends across the right eyelid, about one inch. In the mouth there is a laceration of the upper lip just to the right of the median line, vertical and about one inch long. In the lower lip there is also a vertical laceration about half an inch in length. The upper lip was sutured with three silk sutures. The lower lip will heal of itself.

Until the edema (swelling) disappears from the (tissue) of the forehead and eyelids, nothing will be done. When the edema disappears an operation to remove the scar and excess tissue will be performed. For the edema to disappear will require at least five days, or a week."

As balm for his wounds, Armstrong received 25 per cent. of a net gate of \$66,817, or \$16,530. His acting manager, Eddie Mead, visibly upset at the crushing of a fighting man whose management he undertook in 1936, collected the check. He agreed with Armstrong's decision to retire, and added he had several business propositions under consideration.

Zivic received about 33 per cent. or \$9,836. The champion was lavish in praise of the courage of his beaten foe. He was looking eagerly to returning to his wife and children in Pittsburgh with the biggest purse he ever collected.

Chung Yung-sum, Eastern's right-winger, is still nursing an injured thigh sustained in the Shield Semi-Final against Royal Navy some time ago.

Rev. S. Hinchcliffe, First Division referee, may not be officiating next season as he is due for a transfer.

G. Hong Choy, University all-round cricketer, graduated in the course of the past season and will not be available for University next season.

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DUKE OF AOSTA DECIDES AGAINST CAPITULATION

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LOOT DIVISION IN VIENNA

(SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL)

It was reported in Rome yesterday that a "very important" meeting of high Italian and German officials is progressing in the Belvedere Palace at Vienna.

It is understood the meeting is discussing the partitioning of Yugoslavia and peace terms which the Nazis hope to impose on Greece.

Unofficially it is said that Ciano and Ribbentrop are conferring. It is expected that the Axis will wipe Yugoslavia as it now stands off the map.

It is expected that Hungary will receive the Backa region in the north-east, and that Bulgaria will be given eastern Macedonia.

It is reported that only a small Serbian state will remain, probably as a German protectorate.

In Rome it is believed the Rumanian disorders hastened the calling of the conference. International News Service.

Exchange Of Messages In East Africa

THE DUKE OF AOSTA, VICEROY AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF IN ABYSSINIA, HAS REJECTED A DEMAND STATED TO HAVE BEEN MADE BY GENERAL CUNNINGHAM THAT THE ITALIANS SHOULD LAY DOWN THEIR ARMS, SAYS THE ITALIAN OFFICIAL AGENCY.

He has assured the Duce that the struggle will be continued everywhere to the death.

The demand, the agency says, was in connection with negotiations for the protection of the white population in Abyssinia.

General Cunningham is stated to have informed the Italian envoy that if they were to assume this responsibility, the British demanded that the Italians should lay down their arms.

The Duke of Aosta demanded confirmation of this statement in writing. General Cunningham then sent a message confirming his oral statement.

Duke's Reported Reply

The following reply was sent by the Duke of Aosta, according to the official Italian announcement: "I reject the proposals of a military nature which you have put forward without taking them into consideration."

"Responsibility for the treatment of the white population rests with you from the moment when British forces or native forces organised and armed by you occupy localities inhabited by whites." — Reuter.

RUMOUR HAS WINGS

That the Soviet Government has begun transferring part of the Red Army from the east to her European borders was

alleged in a cable from the Shanghai correspondent of the "Ta Kung Pao" last night.

The correspondent cabled that, according to reports from Siberia, the Soviet military authorities had taken over the Trans-Siberian Railway for the purpose of conveying troops to the west.

BULGARIA ON A LAND GRAB

Bulgaria's share in the Axis land grab in the Balkans is outlined in a Sofia despatch to the Vichy news agency yesterday.

Yugoslav territory being occupied by Bulgarian troops is bounded, it says, by the River Vardar while in Greek Thrace the whole area between the Rivers Truma and Maritza is being occupied.

(This part of Greek Thrace contains the port of Debeagatch and has figured prominently in Bulgaria's long-standing demand for an outlet to the Aegean Sea).

The despatch says these areas are believed to represent only the first stage of the occupation. The Bulgarian army will probably take over further territory later.

The new frontiers are to be fixed at a conference to be held, it is believed, in Vienna, on Wednesday. Ciano and Ribbentrop are said to have had several talks yesterday in preparation for the conference. — Reuter.

JAPANESE TO OCCUPY FOOCHOW

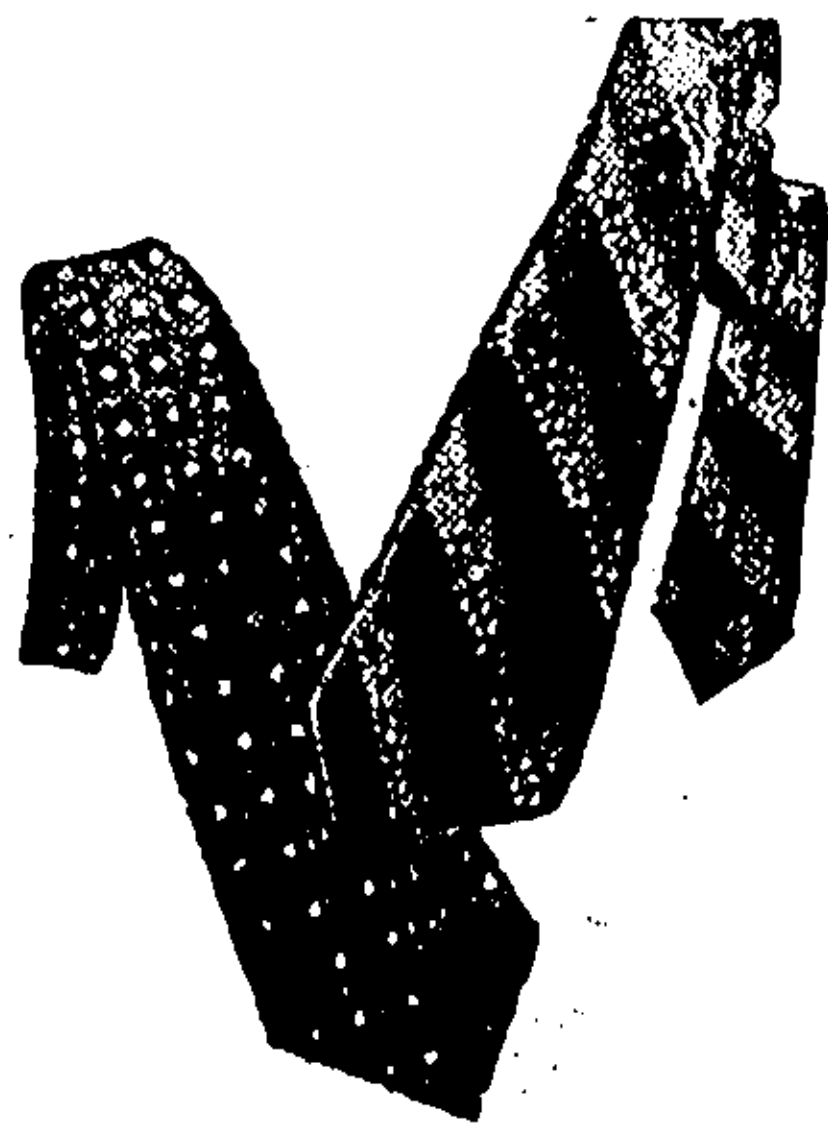
ACCORDING TO CHUNGKING REPORTS, JAPANESE FORCES AT THE WEEK-END LANDED AT TWO POINTS ON THE NORTH BANK OF THE MIN RIVER, IN FUKIEN PROVINCE, WITH THE OBJECT OF OCCUPYING FOOCHOW, LAST OF THE TREATY PORTS IN THE POSSESSION OF THE CHINESE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT.

Japanese field despatches claim their drive in Chekiang province is proceeding speedily in all sectors. The Chinese admit the Japanese are driving inland towards the south-west. — Reuter.

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REINFORCEMENTS REACHING ALLIES' LINES IN GREECE

SOVIET HAND IN RUMANIA CRISIS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Civil war in Rumania, allegedly Russian-inspired, is held in London to be inevitable.

The movement has the double purpose of hindering German progress in the Balkans and starting the "world revolution" which the Kremlin is believed to hope will occur after the war.

Complete German occupation of Bulgaria and Rumania is expected as a result.

Special G.P.U. troops with parachutists and mechanised units are reported to be converging on the Rumanian frontiers, prepared to intervene "to restore order."

Soviet Aim

It is believed the real Russian objective is to create an upheaval, slowing down the German drive to the East.

GERMANY IS REPORTED TO BE PREPARING A COUP IN AFGHANISTAN TO RESTORE EX-KING AMANULLAH, WHO IS NOW IN BERLIN.

"FINAL CLASH"

A bloody "final clash" between General Antonescu and the Rumanian Iron Guards is now raging, and the border reports incessant shooting since Saturday.

Refugees say General Antonescu has rushed his best troops against the Guardist "mutineers."

In addition to the Guardists and the Communists, General Antonescu is forced to cope with Julius Maniu's Peasant Party, which has gained strength recently.—International News Service.

DEATH OF FRITZ THYSEN REPORTED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") The London "Times," in a despatch from Vichy, reports that Fritz Thyssen, the German industrialist, has died in concentration camp.—International News Service.

STATE OF SIEGE IN ISTANBUL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The official German news agency declared yesterday that a state of siege has been proclaimed in Istanbul, with a midnight curfew. International News Service.

Nanking auditor Killed

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The chief auditor of the Central Reserve Bank was shot and killed in a Chinese hotel in Shanghai today.

Business circles are nervous in anticipation of retaliatory terrorism against the Chungking banks.

Chow Fu-hai, Nanking Finance Minister, recently warned that the safety of Chungking bank employees depends on Chungking's actions.

Meanwhile the stock market is reacting to rumours of a Japanese plan to link up Central Reserve banknotes to foreign currency, probably gold.—International News Service.

All Resources Being Thrown In

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE ALLIED FORCES HAVE BEEN FORCED TO RETREAT BUT THE "MODIFIED" DEFENCE LINE IS INTACT, ANNOUNCES THE GREEK HIGH COMMAND, WHICH ADDS THAT REPEATED AXIS ASSAULTS BY STRONGLY REINFORCED TROOPS HAVE BEEN REPULSED IN SPITE OF GERMAN PLANES WHICH SPREAD DEATH AND DESTRUCTION FAR OVER GREECE.

German losses are tremendous, it is declared in Athens, and the battle will possibly be one of the bloodiest in history, reaching full force with both sides throwing in all available reinforcements.

Germany has sent another ten divisions into the line, it is reported in London, and the Allies cannot expect much help immediately.

The Greeks have now been reduced to using their reserves, while the British are employing an unknown number of latest arrivals from North Africa.

FOREIGN SOURCES IN LONDON PREDICT AN EARLY BRITISH EVACUATION OF GREECE, WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EXILED GREEK GOVERNMENT AND ARMY, BUT THERE IS STILL HOPE THAT THE GERMAN THRUST WILL BE HALTED.

German Claims

The Germans claim their forces are now less than 100 miles from Athens, sweeping across Thessaly below Larissa on a broad front.

Mechanised forces are trying to encircle the Allies.

German forces south of Larissa and Trikkala are said to be advancing rapidly to the Gulf of Corinth and Lamia. The west wing has captured an important pass near Methovo, 25 miles north-east of Yanina.—International News Service.

U.S. MARINE'S SUICIDE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

John Imre, 25-year-old U.S. Marine private, was found dead in billets last Saturday, it was revealed in Shanghai today.

It is believed he committed suicide after receiving a letter from Hungary. He shot himself with his rifle on learning of the harsh treatment of his relatives in the "old country."—International News Service.

IL DUCE-HITLER MEETING SCOUTED

Without giving a direct denial, a statement made in political circles in Berlin yesterday implies that the rumour concerning an imminent meeting between Hitler and Mussolini is quite unfounded.—Reuter.

NAVY CONVOY OF U.S. SHIPS UNDER STUDY

THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS STARTED ACTIVE CONSIDERATION OF NAVY CONVOYING OF AMERICAN SHIPS.

It is the first time since the outbreak of war that any U.S. Government department except the Navy has given serious consideration to this fateful controversial question.

State Department experts have decided it is perfectly legal, both under international and domestic law, provided vessels do not enter combat zones.

However, they say the Germans have the right to halt and search and seize temporarily if ships are carrying contraband. THE CATCH, INSOFAR AS GERMANY IS CONCERNED, IS THAT THE NAZIS HAVE NOT

GOT SUFFICIENT WARSHIPS ON THE HIGH SEAS.

President Roosevelt, meanwhile, yesterday conferred with Congress leaders on the momentous agreement with Canada to pool productive facilities.

Leaders advised they did not think legislation is necessary to put the agreement into effect.—International News Service.

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Carry On Until Victory, Says New Greek Premier

BROADCAST TO NATION

"The Government takes on the administration of the country without hesitation. We shall carry on our country's fight to a victorious finish," declared M. Emmanuel Tsouderos, the new Greek Prime Minister, in a message to the nation, according to Athens radio last night.

M. Tsouderos paid a tribute to Greece's glorious dead, and continued: "The whole nation will continue the struggle until Greece, the Balkans and Europe are free of the invaders."

"Greeks, take courage. Let none in Greece be found lacking in spirit. I call upon you all to believe in victory and to remain calm in the face of danger or calamity."

The Greek Prime Minister paid a tribute to the British people, whose sons were fighting for Greece in the cause of justice.

"Behind Britain stands the United States of America, holding up the unquenchable torch of liberty from which light and strength the peoples of the world will in due time be inspired for the organization of their mutual solidarity against the rape of their freedom and tranquility by medieval criminal."

"With such allies and friends, and with the force of our own purpose, we are sure the Right will prevail. Greece takes courage."—Reuter.

Surprise Appointment

The Greek Foreign Minister, M. Emmanuel Tsouderos, was unexpectedly appointed Prime Minister yesterday in succession to the late Dr. Koriatis.

M. Tsouderos took the oath of allegiance at midday yesterday.

Remainder of the Cabinet is unchanged.—Reuter.

AMERICA & CANADA COOPERATE

Mr. Mackenzie King, the Canadian Premier, returned to Ottawa from the United States yesterday and declared that his visit, in which he arranged for the joint utilisation of United States and Canadian resources, proved "much better than a holiday."

Officials expect the arrangement to benefit both countries immensely and means that Canada's exchange problem has been solved for the duration of the war.

According to general interpretation in Ottawa, the United States will accommodate Canada for lack of dollar exchange by accepting a larger volume of Canadian materials and by providing Canada under the Lease and Lend Act with materials entering into equipment and munitions destined for the United Kingdom.

Canada's adverse payments balance to the United States in the last 12 months is unofficially estimated at \$325,000,000.—Reuter.

VON PAPEN SEES HITLER IN BALKANS

The German Ambassador to Turkey, von Papen, has been received by Hitler at his itinerant headquarters in the Balkans, according to news reaching Vichy from Swiss sources yesterday, says Reuter.

BRITAIN'S NEED OF DOCTORS

The Minister of Health, Mr. Ernest Brown, thanked President Roosevelt yesterday for supporting the British Red Cross appeal for American doctors to serve with the British fighting services and civilian hospitals.

In a message issued to the press Mr. Brown said "Most sincerely do I thank Mr. Roosevelt. Our need for such reinforcement is urgent and I assure all who join up in our great cause that they will receive a warm welcome from us and will form an integral part of our own services."

The Health Ministry spokesman explained that British doctors at the beginning of the war had rushed to the colours and so many were now serving with the forces that the authorities felt the civilian population was being endangered, hence the appeal to the United States, which President Roosevelt, as President of the American Red Cross, endorsed.—Reuter.

1,000 Doctors Promised

The American Red Cross has agreed to assist the British Red Cross in obtaining 1,000 young American doctors.

Age limit of service with the Royal Army Medical Corps is 40, and with the Civilian Emergency Medical Service 45, while applicants will serve a minimum of one year and will retain their status as American citizens.—British Wireless.



Deserted Bardia.

KING PETER SAFE: STRUGGLE NOT ABANDONED

"I DO NOT MEAN to abandon the struggle," said King Peter in a farewell proclamation to his people on the day of his departure from Yugoslavia.

Assuring them he would continue to fight until he could return in triumph to national soil, the young King wrote: "Although I am obliged to abandon our national soil in the face of superior enemy forces, I do not mean to abandon the struggle."

"The honour of our flag has been saved."

"Following the example of my great ancestors, I shall until my very last breath hold high the banner of Yugoslavia."

The proclamation also stated that the King and Government left Yugoslav soil so that it should not be said that the lawful representatives of the people had capitulated.—Reuter.

King Peter Now In Jerusalem

King Peter of Yugoslavia has arrived in Jerusalem from Athens, according to a Jerusalem despatch to the Vichy news agency yesterday.

He is stated to be accompanied by the Yugoslav Prime Minister, General Simovitch, and the Foreign Minister.

The despatch adds that Dr. Matceck, the Croat leader and Vice-Premier in the Yugoslav Government, remained in Croatia.

According to the Swiss radio, the plane in which King Peter and his party made the journey from Athens to Jerusalem was attacked over the Mediterranean and a member of the Yugoslav Cabinet killed.—Reuter.

PORTUGUESE MAKE ARRESTS

Eight, including a retired colonel, have been arrested in Lourenco Marques, Portuguese East Africa, for alleged "subversive and unpatriotic activities." They will be deported to Lisbon.—Reuter.

Omen Of A Swan?

On a quiet stretch of inland water near the south coast peacefully lived seven white swans and an Australian black swan.

The last-named escaped from Mr. Churchill's home at Westham, Kent.

Recently an enemy bomb explosion slaughtered the seven white swans but the Australian black swan was unscathed. Local residents interpret this as a happy omen for Mr. Churchill's policy.—Reuter.

BOMB SHOCK MADE HIM WALK AGAIN

FOR TEN YEARS William Albert Bowden, fifty-four, of Chapel Street, Wincham, near Northwich, was bedridden. Now he is looking for a job. He has the blitz to thank for the miracle.

After a long spell of illness, Bill Bowden became paralysed. Only in fine weather could he sit in a bathchair outside his home or be wheeled about the village.

His only recreation was to embroider birds and flowers on linen. Doctors held out no hope that he would ever be able to return to his work as engineman at a salt works.

Pins And Needles

Then came the blitz. As Bill Bowden lay in bed a bomb rocked the house. Suddenly, he felt what he describes as "a tap" down his spine, and was bathed in perspiration.

"I did not say anything to the wife about it," he told a reporter, "but the next afternoon I had another experience of this tapping at my spine."

"It became more frequent and finally felt like pins and needles in my back. Then came the most wonderful moment of all—I could feel movement in my legs."

"In ten days I was able to use my feet and legs again." Bill Bowden's biggest thrill came when his doctor called one

night while on leave from the R.A.M.C., and Bill was able to open the door to him.

Recently Bill has been able to do away with his walking stick. All he longs for now is to get back to work.

CAUTIOUS STOCK MARKET DEALINGS

With operators very cautious the minimum of movement occurred on the London Stock Exchange yesterday but on the whole prices were well maintained. There was some support for gilt-edged securities which recorded small advances. Industrials occasionally were lower, chiefly heavies. Oils were irregular and Kaffirs steady after early Cape selling. Wall Street was quiet.—Reuter.

BIG AIR BATTLE OVER ATHENS

Fourteen German 'Planes Shot Down By R.A.F.

Attack On Aerodromes Of R.A.F.

AN R.A.F. MIDDLE EAST COMMUNIQUE, ISSUED IN CAIRO YESTERDAY, REVEALS THAT THE R.A.F. ON SUNDAY SECURED ITS BIGGEST BAG IN ONE DAY SINCE GERMANY BEGAN HER OFFENSIVE IN GREECE.

At least 16 enemy aircraft were shot down. Fourteen were shot down and destroyed in a big air battle over Athens between a very large formation of German aircraft and British fighters. Seven were dive-bombers, five were Messerschmidts and two were unidentified.

A considerable number of other German aircraft were severely damaged and probably did not reach their base.

SEVEN BRITISH AIRCRAFT FAILED TO RETURN BUT IT IS KNOWN THAT THREE OF THE PILOTS ARE SAFE.

Some damage was caused at R.A.F. aerodromes.

The communique continues that enemy occupied aerodromes and troop columns on the move were successfully attacked by our bombers during Saturday night.

Heavy bombers were used in a raid on Katerina aerodrome and a fire caused which was visible 60 miles away.

In Cyrenaica

In Cyrenaica our bombers and fighters continued the attacks on enemy transport and troop concentrations and a landing ground.

During Saturday night Derna, Benghazi and Ghat were heavily raided but cloud prevented detailed assessment of the damage.

Malta was raided twice on Sunday but without damage or casualties.

Our fighters intercepted the enemy and shot down three, the pilots making parachute descents.

In addition to seven aircraft missing in Greece, two of our bombers failed to return to their base. - Reuter.

ESSAY CONTEST FOR ARMY

Those fighting men of the British Army who can take time off from their martial duties have been invited to sharpen pencils and write essays in competition for a \$100 prize.

Prime Minister Winston Churchill has given the Army essay contest his blessing and he may select the winner.

Five subjects, set by Maj. Gen. J. H. Beith, better known, perhaps, as Ian Hay, the novelist were:

1. Are Americans our cousins?
 2. Liberty of speech.
 3. Britain's larder.
 4. The effect of the internal combustion engine on mankind.
 5. Is there a weaker sex?
- Preliminary judges will be a panel of writers and critics. The essayists—officers are barred—have two months to submit their 1,000 to 3,000-word entries.

VALUABLE RING STOLEN

A platinum ring, set with diamonds, valued at \$1,200, is reported to have been stolen from

NURSE BRAVES BOMB, SAVES RECORDS

(By A Special Correspondent)

AN UNEXPLODED BOMB lay a few yards from valuable equipment and records at a London hospital. But, ignoring the warning of doctors and her nurses, Sister Hammond risked her life time after time to enter the message and light department to bring out instruments and papers.

"I don't care about the danger," she told me. "All I want to do is to get this equipment set up somewhere and carry on. After all, there are patients wanting treatment. We must think of them. That's our job."

It was the third time the hospital had been bombed.

When the bombs fell that night nurses and soldiers were attending a dance in a hospital rest-room.

The lights went out, the music stopped, glass tinkled from the windows. For a moment there was silence.

Then, from the darkness, a soldier shouted: "They'll need us. Let's go and see what we can do."

So, with the nurses still in their thin dance frocks, with coats thrown on hastily, they raced to the block which had been struck by a high explosive bomb.

They Carried On

Then, side by side with rescue workers, they dug at the debris with their bare hands.

Their prompt action saved many.

"Thanks to the nurses," a rescue worker said, "we did our job in just over five hours instead of taking about twelve."

"They must have been frozen in those thin frocks, but they carried on until everyone was out."

The bomb fell on wards occupied by male patients. Two of the nurses on duty were buried. One of them, Nurse T. Smith, was killed. The other, Nurse Gregory, was seriously injured.

On the roof, fire spotting, was an auxiliary nurse. She was injured, and rescue workers brought her to safety by lowering her down a lift shaft in an improvised stretcher.

Some patients were killed and others injured. One man, trapped by the legs, sang to cheer his rescuers.

Then, as the pain grew worse, he asked for a cigarette.

the bedroom of Mrs. Wong Yiu, No. 2, Humphreys Buildings, during Saturday night.

American Income Tax Rate

The people of the United States may shortly have to pay more in income tax.

It is reported that the Treasury has proposed to Congress that the basic individual rate for income tax shall be increased from 44 to 66 per cent part of the programme for raising \$3,500,000,000 of new revenue in the next fiscal year.

Other proposals are reported to include an increase in the Corporation Tax from 24 to 30 per cent, an increase in surtax and its application to smaller incomes, and a new tax on railway passenger fares.

Higher taxes are also said to be contemplated on the following: cigarettes and other spirits, beer, wine, cigarettes, motorcars, mechanical refrigerators, sweets, chewing gum and soft drinks. - Reuter.

GERMAN THREAT OF "REPRISALS" IN BELGIUM

Following numerous acts of sabotage and "hostility towards the army of occupation" in the Hainaut province of Belgium, the German authorities have issued a threat of severe reprisals, states Inbel (the Free Belgian news agency).

These, it states, will include: the taking of hostages, suspension of the return of Belgian prisoners of war and the withdrawal of facilities for obtaining food supplies. - Reuter.

WHEN A P.C. WITNESS NEEDS TO BE B.S.C.

Discussing how to prove in court the accuracy of the photometer used by the police for measuring the intensity of motorists' headlights, a writer in the Police Review says:—

"An officer before attempting to give evidence in a prosecution in these cases should be fairly well acquainted with the subject of light, the law of illumination, the law of intensity of light, reflection, refraction and parabolic reflectors, as a variety of questions is likely to be asked."

ELECTRICITY RATIONING IN SHANGHAI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

ADMITTING THE FAILURE OF THE INITIAL PLAN TO RESTRICT ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION, THE SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL YESTERDAY ANNOUNCED AN EXTENSION OF THE PREVIOUS SCHEME.

Excess allotments will be charged six times more than normal electricity rates. Users exceeding the 1,000 kilowatt hours allotment must pay six times more than normal rates.

The president of the Shanghai Power Co., Mr. P. S. Hopkins, announced simultaneously the formation of an allocation committee to study the question.

It was revealed that the company's fuel stocks amounted to over 150,000 tons on February 24 but that on April 1 the amount was only 120,000 tons. International News Service.

BASQUES RALLY TO DEMOCRACY

THE FORMATION OF A BASQUE NATIONAL COUNCIL, TO CONTINUE THE WORK OF THE BASQUE GOVERNMENT AND TO JOIN WITH THE DEMOCRACIES IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THE TOTALITARIAN POWERS WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE BASQUE DELEGATION IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

The Council aims at attaining full national liberty of the Government of Euzkadi established at Guernica in October, 1936, and recognition of it by all nations. - Reuter.

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"THERE IS NO TELLING WHICH SIDE IS GOING TO WIN THE EUROPEAN WAR IN THE LONG RUN," DECLARED THE NOTED JAPANESE POLITICAL COMMENTATOR, MR. MUROBUSE, SPEAKING AT A DEBATE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE NEWSPAPER "MIYAKO" IN TOKYO YESTERDAY.

The debate was attended by many notables.

Mr. Murobuse added that a settlement of the Chinese war should precede any attempt to drive southward, and any Cabinet which had no confidence that it could dispose of the China affair successfully had better dissolve itself quickly. - Reuter.

6,800 PETROL COUPONS VANISH

Police have warned garage owners all over Britain not to accept petrol coupons bearing certain serial numbers.

The coupons—all of which were for commercial vehicles—had been stolen from a Ministry of Transport depot at Romford Road, Stratford, E.

The thieves got away with some 6,800 coupons, representing more than 30,000 gallons of petrol, mostly in ten and five unit coupons.

"The thieves will probably try to sell the coupons to unscrupulous car owners," a Ministry of Transport official said.

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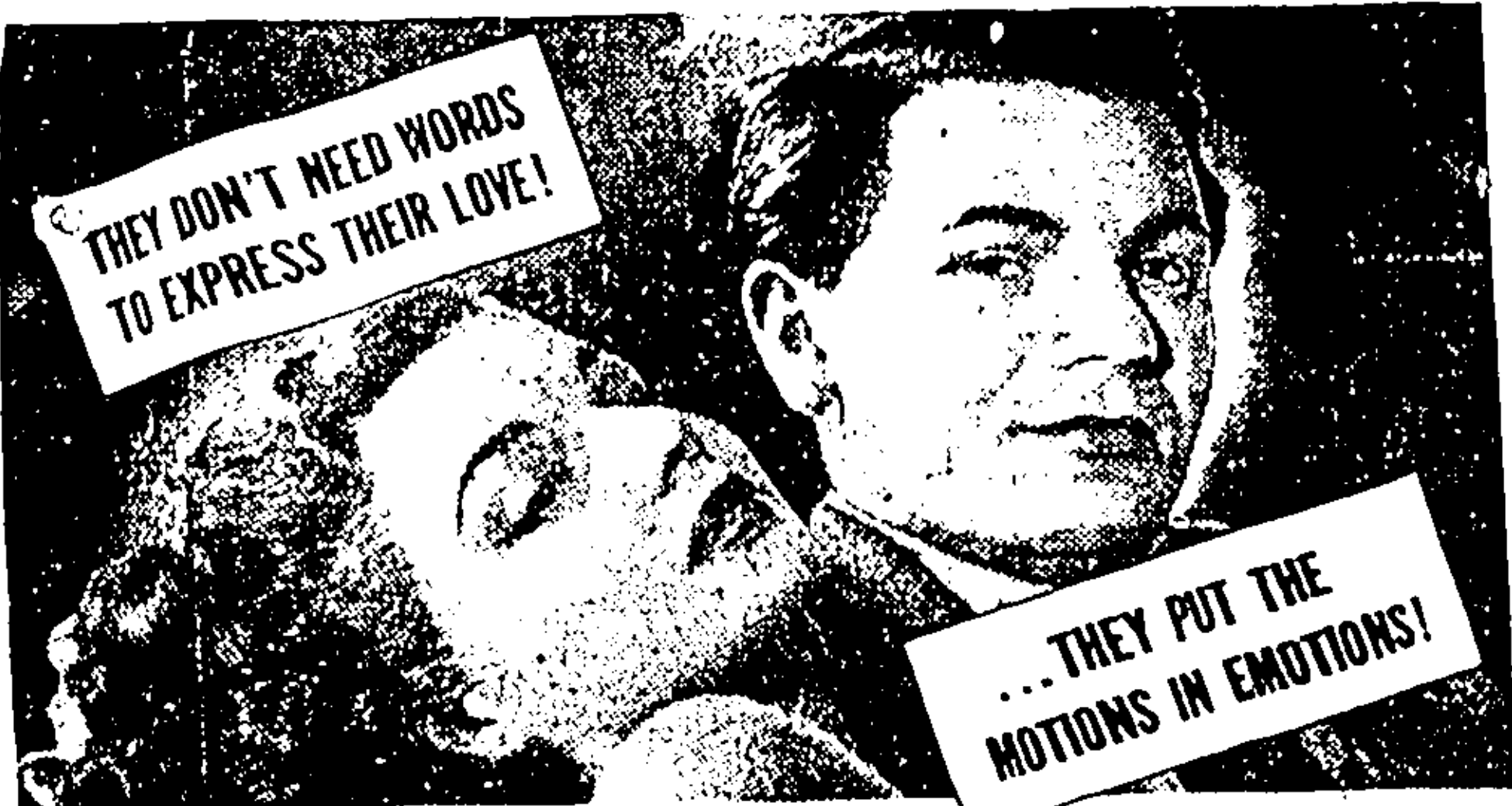
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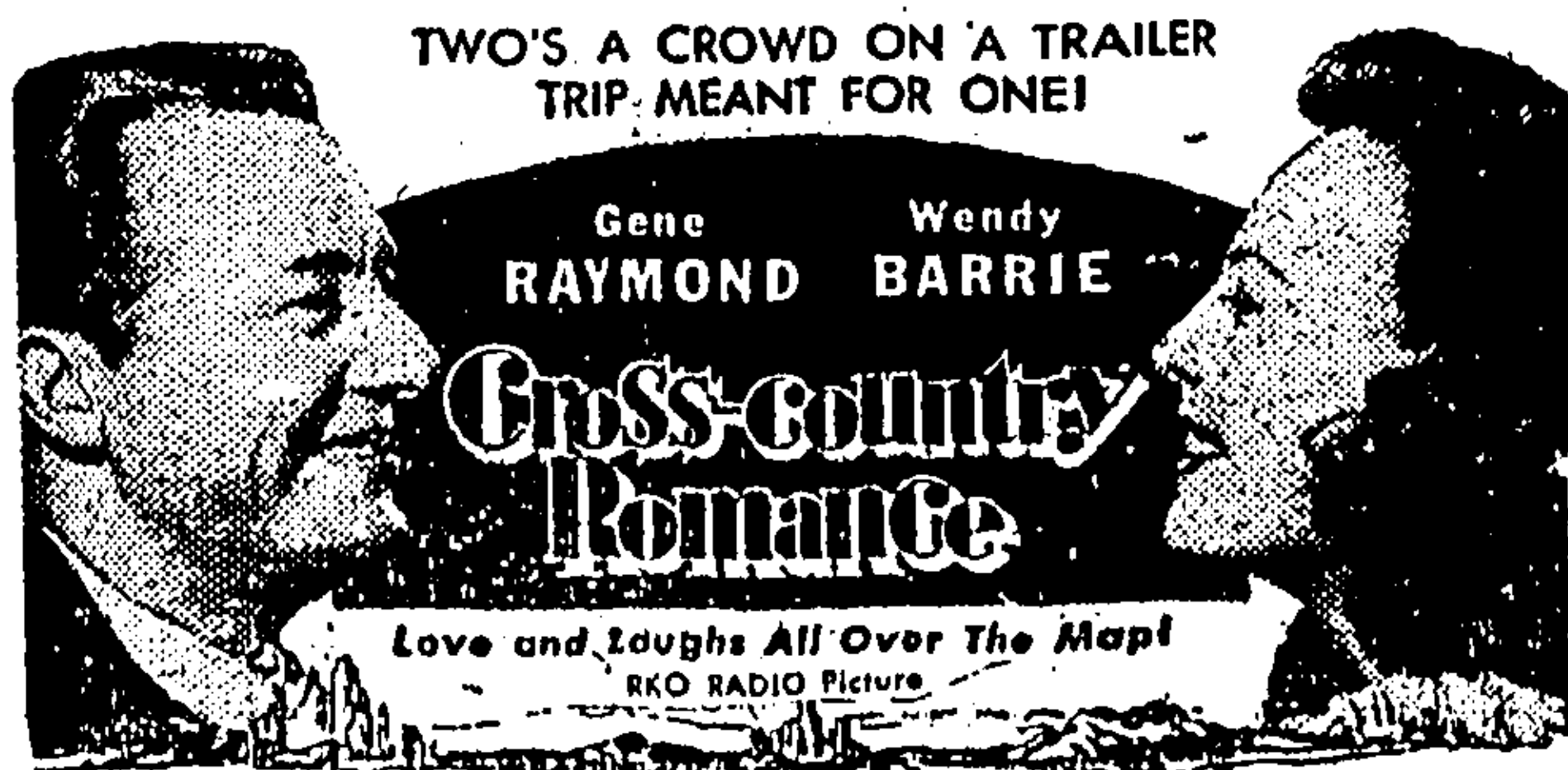
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Peace In Red Sea Zone

A British traveller who recently returned to Aden, after a 1,000-mile tour in the southern Red Sea area by air and land, has recorded his impressions of the peace which now reigns over lands with a long history of conflict and which fully justifies President Roosevelt's declaration opening the Red Sea to American shipping.

Particularly interesting are his remarks on conditions in Massawa, now occupied by Imperial forces. In the harbour lie scuttled German and Italian ships, some of which may be refloated, but elsewhere it is difficult to find any traces of the recent fighting.

R.A.F. bombing had been limited to military targets, such as the aerodrome. People are going about their business freely.

Italian police still function under the military administration set up by the Imperial forces, which is organising the smooth running of the town's life.

The road to Asmara, which is also intact except for the aerodrome, is open to motor traffic for the whole 75 miles, repairs having been effected at three points where it had been destroyed. British Wireless.

SCRAPING OUT THE BARREL

Including an overnight Order, requisitioning a further 164 United States securities for payment on June 3, the British Treasury has altogether mobilised 521 Wall Street issues since February, 1940.

The present list includes 69 common stocks, 56 preferred stocks and 39 bonds.

Besides well-known securities such as the Aluminium Company, Baltimore and Ohio, Cities Service, Firestone Tire and Rubber, Goodyear Tire and Rubber, International Paper and Power, Monsanto Chemical, National Biscuit, Phelps Dodge, Shell Union Oil (controlled by Royal Dutch Shell), Southern Railway, Standard Brands, Standard Vacuum of Indiana, and Youngs' own Sheet and Tube, the list includes the names of lame ducks clearly showing the extent to which the Treasury is scraping from the barrel to mobilise all possible dollars.—Reuter.

CHUNGKING POSTS

The National Government announced the following appointments yesterday:

Mr. Yin Jen-hsien, Director of the Public Loans Department of the Ministry of Finance;

Mr. Ma Tai-chun, Director of the Salt Revenue Department of the Ministry of Finance;

Mr. Li Jui, Secretary of the Ministry of Finance;

Mr. Liu Kai, Counsellor of the Chinese Embassy in Washington.

Mr. Li Yi-an, reserve member of the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee, is expected to become Secretary-General of the Ministry of Overseas Affairs.—Central News.

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BOON LOSES ON FOUL

There was a sensational ending to the first boxing programme ever held at the historic London Coliseum yesterday, when Eric Boon, British Lightweight Champion, was disqualified in the second round as Kid Berg, former champion, lay writhing in agony, legs threshing the air.

Boon was a hot favourite to win the contest, a non-title bout scheduled to last 10 rounds. He looked a certain winner and repeatedly shook Berg with hammerlike punches, but paid the penalty for over-eagerness.

The Ministry of Information made a recording of the contest which was broadcast to America later in the evening as evidence that the British are living their usual life despite the heavy blitzes.

Traffic blockages and a crowded house, with people clamouring for admission, were ample proof of London's nonchalance.—Reuter.

CAPT. JAMES ROOSEVELT

The local American Consulate General has no information regarding the reports of Captain James Roosevelt's visit to China.

The Senior Consul stated this morning that he could not say whether Captain Roosevelt would be coming to Hong Kong or not. He had not received any official information.

They travel so fast nowadays. Sometimes they inform the Consulate sometimes they do not, said Mr. Burns.

BIG WAR LOAN RAISED IN CHINA

A preliminary check-up yesterday revealed that subscriptions to China's wartime bonds to date as a result of the Wartime Bonds Campaign amounted to approximately \$100,800,000, being 68 per cent in excess of the estimate. The final results will be announced at the end of this month.—Central News.

FATSHAN SAILING

The s.s. Fatshan which sailed for Canton on Saturday morning, will be making the return voyage on Thursday.

Belgium Firm In Resolve

Baron Jules Guillaume, Belgian Ambassador to China, who recently arrived in Chungking, was yesterday the guest of honour at a tea reception.

Replying to an address of welcome, Baron Guillaume declared that though Belgium is now under German occupation, she still possesses the Congo, and the Belgian will of resistance remains firm. The Belgian Government now in England, he said, is making preparations for a counter-offensive and the entire Belgian Air Force has been transferred to England where it is fighting side by side with the R.A.F.

Concluding, he expressed the belief that China would also win the final victory in the present war.

The Belgian Ambassador was entertained at a welcome dinner given by the Sino-Belgian Boxer Indemnity Fund Commission in the evening.—Central News.

PEIPING BOYCOTT FANATIC

Boycott of British goods was yesterday described by Lang Ying-hsu, chairman of the Peiping People's Anti-British Association, as one of the most important tasks of that body.

He said "British goods have almost disappeared from local markets as a result of our efforts in the past two years, in addition to the interruption in importation of such goods."

"During the past month we have exercised great vigilance in regard to the sale of British goods."

He urged that no leniency should be shown to anyone openly selling British goods.

Another important aim of the Association, he added, was to urge Chinese landlords to take possession again of houses they leased to Britons.

Summing up his report the speaker concluded: "I have merely given a report on what is important and can be published. There are still many other activities which it is inadvisable to mention here."—Reuter.

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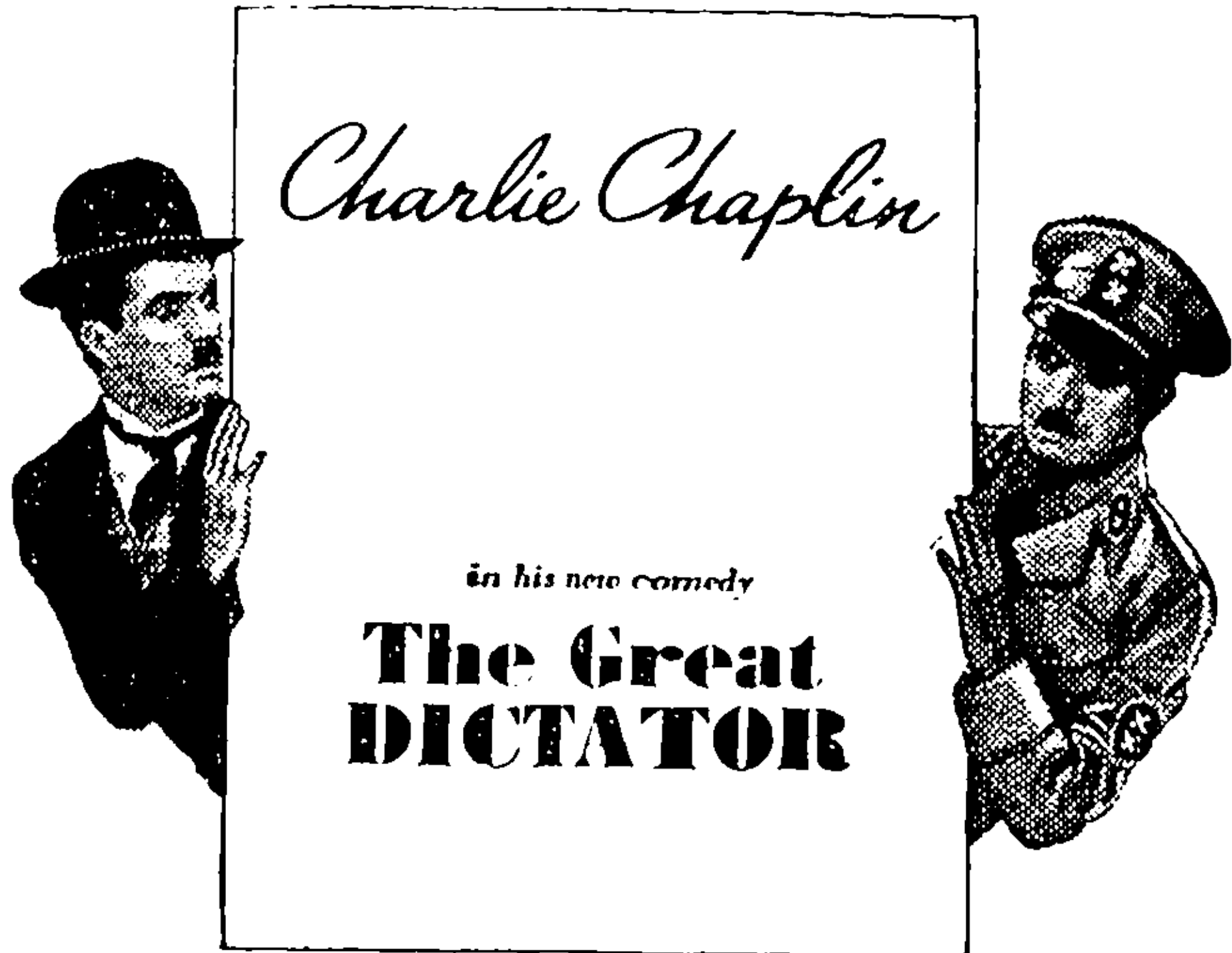
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DEFENCE NEEDS EXCHANGE (SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The United States and Canada have reached an agreement to exchange defence articles to speed hemisphere defence and aid Britain, says a joint statement issued by President Roosevelt and Mr. Mackenzie King, Canadian Premier.

Under the framework of the Lend and Lease Act, the United States will make available to England "component parts for the use of equipment and munitions which Canada is producing for Britain," which England will immediately relay to Canada.

During the coming year Canada will endeavour to supply the U.S. with \$300,000,000 worth of defence materials "urgently required by the United States for their own purposes."

Reaction To Greek War

Mr. Henry Morganthau and Mr. Harry Hopkins attended the Roosevelt-King conference.

IT IS UNOFFICIALLY PREDICTED IN WASHINGTON THAT THE BRITISH BALKAN SETBACKS WILL BRING A SPEEDY INCREASE OF AMERICAN AID TO BRITAIN.

It is reliably learned that officials were stunned by the swiftness of the German advance and that calculations of British needs were upset.

It is understood that various sources confidently assured President Roosevelt two weeks ago that the combined British, Greek and Yugoslav armies were more than sufficient to check the Italians and Germans for at least four months.

It is emphasised, however, that the United States Government is still confident of the ultimate success and survival of the British Empire, which, it is pointed out, is intact though battered.—International News Service.

SPLIT FINGER WHILE INJECTING HORSE, DIED

While injecting tetanus toxin into a horse, a laboratory assistant accidentally split the index finger of his left hand, and died five days later.

During the injection the needle slipped, and while replacing this the man's finger was injured.

This was stated at a Tunbridge Wells inquest on Alfred Leslie Lay, aged thirty-four, of Fairlawne Stables, Shipbourne, Kent, employed at the Wellcome Research Laboratories.

A verdict of Death by misadventure was recorded.

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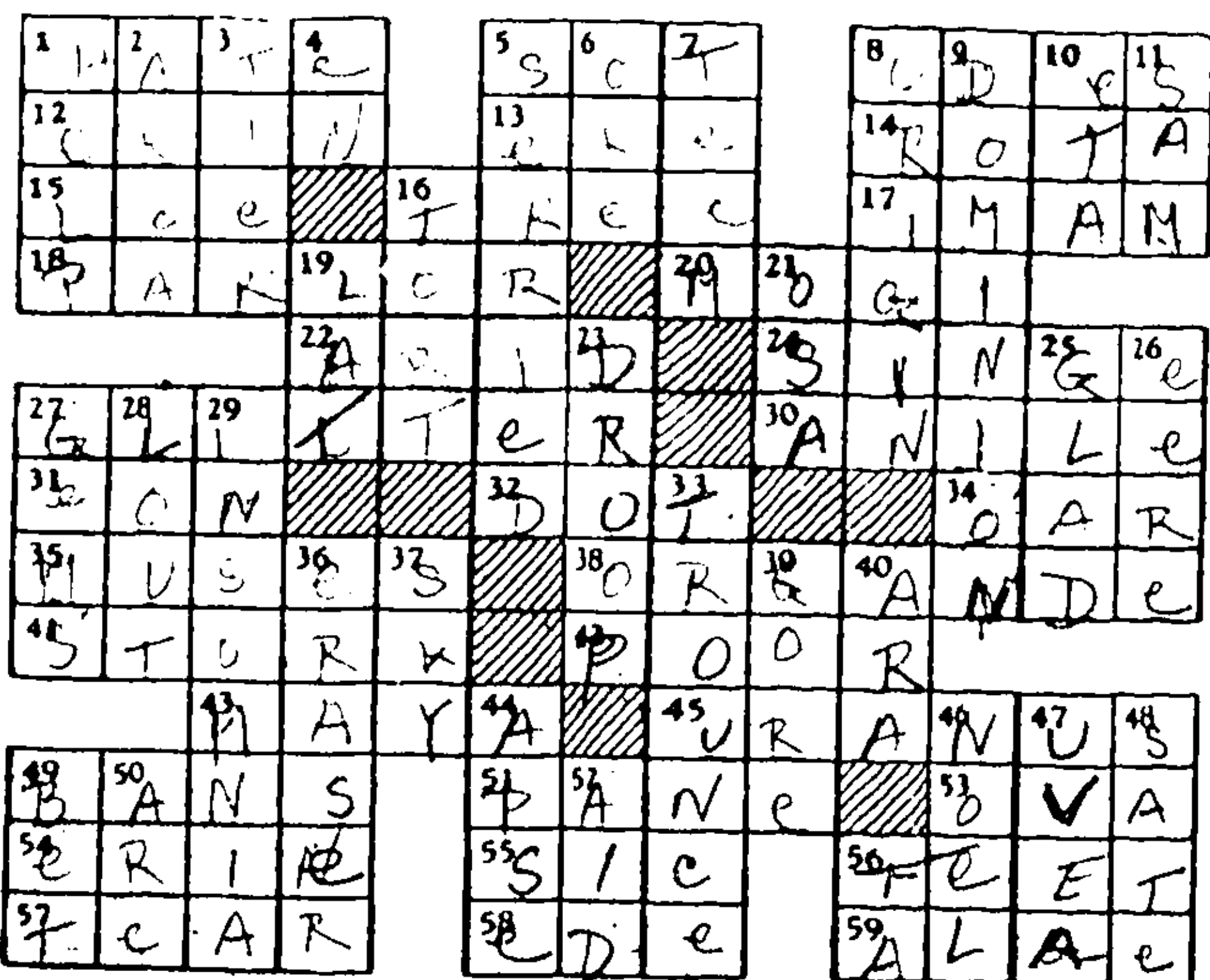
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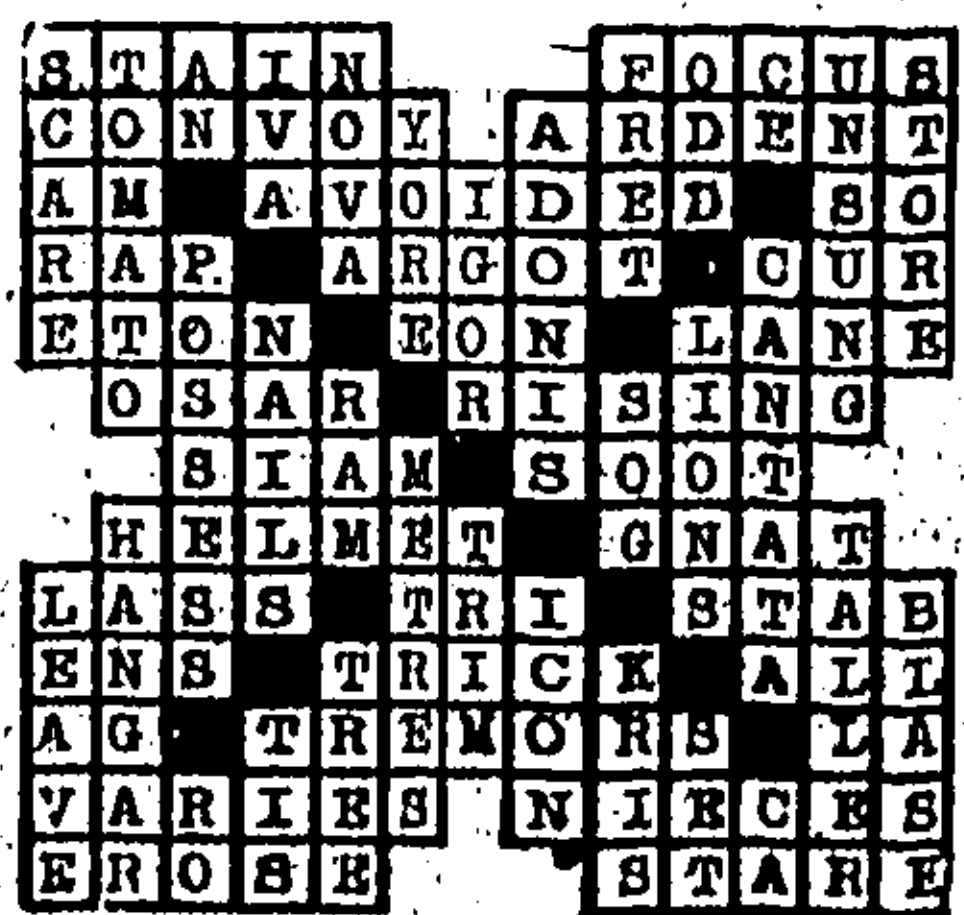
- HORIZONTAL**
- To dislike intensely
 - Drunkard
 - Lyric poems
 - Blire
 - Before
 - List
 - Confederate general
 - Woody plant
 - Mohammedan priest
 - Living room
 - Persian
 - priestly caste
 - Barren
 - To burn
 - To sparkle
 - Feeble-minded
 - Vast age
 - Period
 - Rowing implement
 - Ponders
 - Thin muslin
 - Wading bird
 - Needy
 - Yucatan Indian
 - Planet
 - Prohibits
 - Sheet of glass

- Eggs
- Great Lake
- Thus
- Measures of length
- To rip
- Holland commune
- Wings

- VERTICAL**
- Cry for assistance
 - "Plane" surface
 - Row
 - Half an cm
 - Pressed together

- Crude metal
- To abound
- Beginning
- Sovereign authority
- Greek letter
- Man's nickname
- Law: wrong
- Buddhist pillar
- King of Judah
- To sag
- Happy
- Weird
- Jewels
- Lazy fellow
- Sleeplessness
- To beat thoroughly
- Rubber
- Firmament
- To pierce
- Constellation
- Part of a church
- Christmas carol
- Part of the eye
- To satisfy
- Wager
- Part of "to be"
- To abet
- Note of scale

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

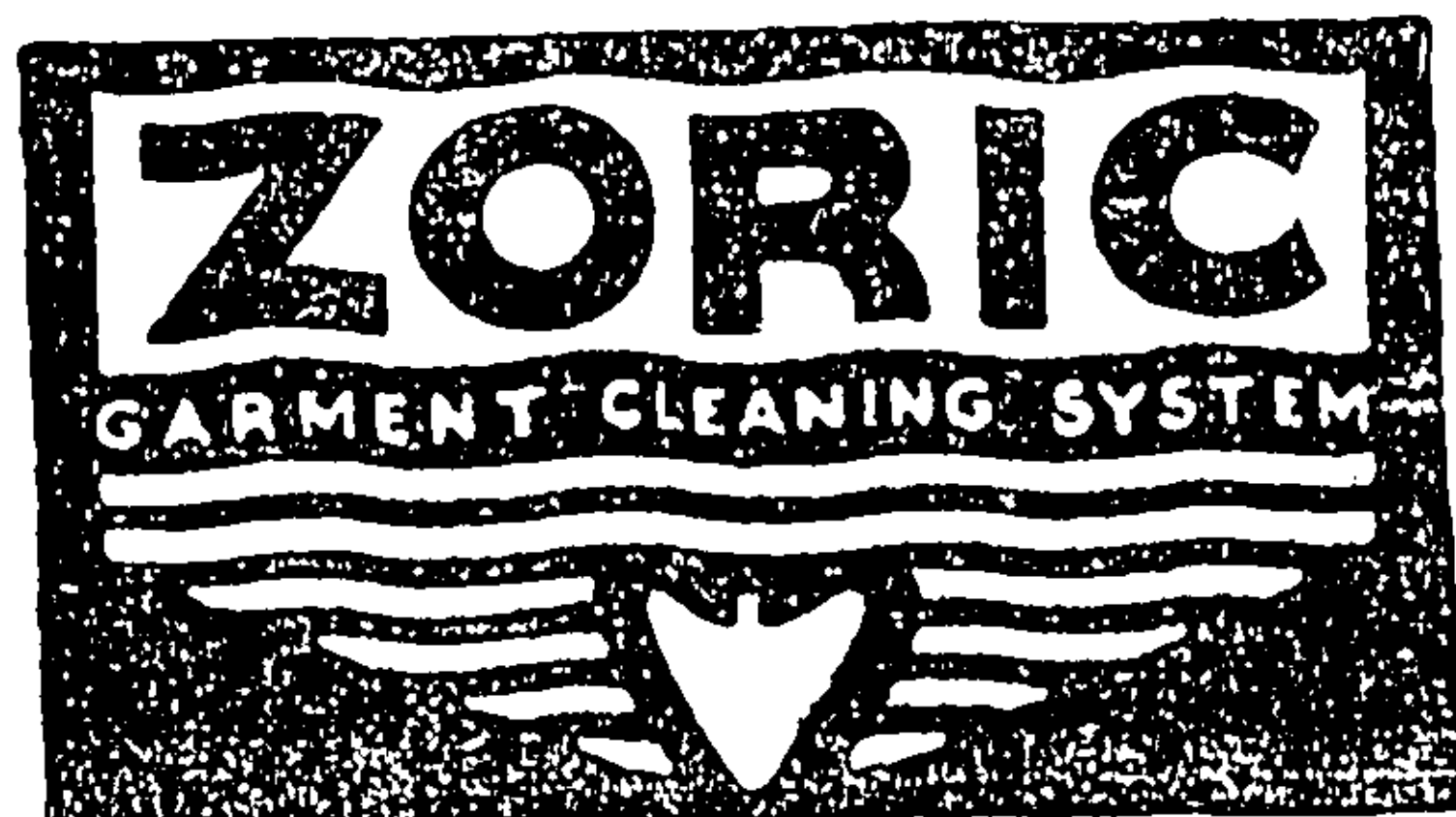




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CEMENT COMPANY AND PRICE CONTROL

REFERENCE TO THE Government investigation into cement prices in the Colony, the fixing of a price control, and the difficulty in obtaining licences for export, with complete prohibition of exports to the Straits Settlements, was made by Mr. J. Scott Harston, presiding this morning at the meeting of shareholders of the Green Island Cement Company, Limited.

The Chairman said: "Before proceeding with the ordinary business, I have to report with regret the retirement of Mr. J. H. Taggart, O.B.E., from the post of Managing Director. The indifferent condition of Mr. Taggart's health which had persisted over a lengthy period became so acute that in January, acting under medical advice, he was compelled to make speedy arrangements to leave the Colony."

Your Directors much regret thus being deprived of his able assistance, and I desire to express on their behalf sincere wishes for his speedy return to normal health. I feel sure you desire to be associated with this sentiment.

At our last Meeting, I acquainted Shareholders of the very valuable services which Mr. Taggart had rendered the Company over a period of 10 years, and of his appointment as Managing Director during the year then under review. The expression of appreciation to him which I then recorded on behalf of the members of the Company received the unanimous approval of all Shareholders present at the Meeting.

Honorarium

You will recollect I also informed you that Mr. Taggart had received no remuneration, other than that received by him as an ordinary Director of the Company. In respect of the volume of additional work he had undertaken, but that the Board proposed, as a matter of common equity, to rectify that position. In consonance with that proposal, the Directors in September last unanimously voted Mr. Taggart an honorarium of \$15,000.00 in recognition of the extra services referred to, and I have no doubt that such meets with your approval.

Higher Profits

Turning to the Accounts, you will observe that the "Balance from Working Account" in respect of operations for the year 1940 amounts to \$832,291.11, some \$105,000.00 higher than in the previous year, and can, I think, be considered satisfactory. The debit side of the Profit and Loss Account includes, in addition to the recurring charges, a Donation of \$10,000 to the "South China Morning Post" Bomber

Fund, War Taxation amounting to \$43,161.10 (which represents the assessment made upon the Company for the twelve months ended 31st March 1941), and Legal and Accounting Fees amounting to \$3,600 in respect of the Government Enquiry concerning the production costs and selling price of Cement.

The net result of the year's working shown by the Profit and Loss Account is a credit of \$675,097.18 (an improvement of approximately \$120,000 over last year's figure) and, in conjunction with the amount brought forward, makes available for appropriation the sum of \$841,480.00.

Enhanced Prices

"Stocks on Hand" stand at \$1,967,171.32, which is \$512,000.00 more than the valuation figure at the 31st December 1939. Unfortunately, this enhanced figure does not represent an increase in quantities held, for the reason that soaring freight rates are largely responsible, although increased prices of the commodities at the source of supply also apply to a minor degree.

On the Liabilities side, you will see that the Depreciation Reserve stands at the increased figure of \$452,908.00 after receiving credit in respect of the charge of \$76,454.00 for depreciation on the Plant Machinery and Floating Craft made through the Profit and Loss Account during the year. Raw Materials Reserve makes an initial appearance at \$250,000.00—the need for which will be explained later.

Your Plant at Hok Un has been kept in excellent condition, and has worked at full capacity throughout the year under adverse conditions, while the output of previous years has been maintained.

Disappointments

Many difficulties have been encountered during the year under review in connection with the acquisition of the raw materials and packing materials we required. Last year I stated that we had stocks in situ and materials contracted for at favourable prices which together should be sufficient for the operation of your Plant at maximum output for an approximate period of two years. Unfortunately, due

to circumstances beyond the control of suppliers and ourselves, many disappointments have been suffered in respect of those contracts. With regard to packing materials we were forced by the continually increasing cost of each shipment (caused through controlled export prices from Britain) to cancel contracts and obtain similar articles from Canada at fixed F.O.B. prices which were comparatively more favourable. A contract for the delivery of 150,000 tons of Limestone was suspended (when only 60,000 tons had been delivered) because of the embargo placed on British and Allied ships trading with Indo-China Ports. Subsequently, this contract lapsed owing to affluxion of time. It then became necessary to arrange for the carriage of Limestone on neutral ships at greatly increased freight rates, and freight rates are as you are aware, soaring continuously. We have secured tonnage up to the end of September next which is as far as shipowners will commit themselves under present conditions. At that time it is estimated our stock heap will approximate 90,000 tons.

Selling Prices

The rapid and material increase in all branches of our production costs necessitated an increase in selling prices during the year, but in accordance with our previous policy, such increases were not imposed until conditions rendered that action imperative.

On the 24th October, 1940 the Company received a notification from the Competent Authority that an Enquiry would be held by Government into the Company's production costs and the selling prices of cement in the Colony. To protect the Company's interests it was considered advisable to retain the services of the Company's Auditors and its Legal Advisors in connection with the Enquiry. Much heavy work was involved in preparing and submitting evidence in support of the Company's contentions, and I wish to record the Company's gratitude to Mr. Wadesson of Messrs. Deacons, to Mr. Ritchie of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Mathews, to Mr. Taylor, our Manager and Secretary, and to Mr. Juckling (who was then acting as Alternate Director for Mr. Taggart) in respect of the sterling services rendered by each of them in that relation and the manner in which they presented the Company's case during the proceedings at the Enquiry.

No Report Yet

In the course of the Enquiry, an Order was served upon your Manager requesting production of all Books, Documents, etc., of the

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CHINA MAIL

WINDSOR HOUSE

THE BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC

Mr. Alexander's speech draws aside for a space the veil that screens, alike from friendly and from hostile eyes, the vast and complex workings of the Royal Navy. We see, though still only in shadowy outline, how this "sure shield" of the British Empire is employed, ceaselessly, skilfully, multifariously, in warding off the blows of the enemy, keeping the sea routes open, and covering the movements of our forces across the greater part of the world. The late King George's well-remembered metaphor stressed the protective role of the Navy, which from time immemorial has been the chief guardian of the British Isles, and remains as such, despite the changes brought about by aerial warfare. But the Navy is more than a shield; it is a striking force of unrivalled power, and the men who man and direct it are nurtured in the spirit of the offensive that alone gives victory in war. Matapan and the sinking of the German convoy last week furnish evidence enough of that.

No part of Mr. Alexander's address was more revealing, however, than the disclosure that two of Germany's ace U-Boat commanders had sunk ships for the last time in this war. Hundreds of men from U-boats are prisoners, but many hundreds of men are at the bottom of the sea with their submarines. Hitler is by no means having his own way.

What has come to be called the Battle of the Atlantic will rage with increasing intensity during the coming months, Hitler's so-called "total blockade" being his only alternative to the invasion which he has so far hesitated to attempt. Submarines, surface raiders, and powerful bombers will all be thrown into the struggle to bring Britain to her knees, with incessant air raids on ports and railways, as an adjunct to the operations at sea. We may, as Mr. Alexander suggested, receive grievous blows in the course of this ruthless warfare; but the Admiralty is confident of its ability to withstand and counter them. The First Lord disclosed that new methods are being devised to fight the U-boats, stronger escorts are being provided for convoys, and, in particular, counter-measures are being developed to the enemy's long-range bombers which



WHAT! NO GUNS!

Turkish Marshal

Turkey is the fortunate possessor of exceptionally able military leaders. The men who are in command of the Turkish armed forces are not mere theorists in their calling; they have furnished on more than one battlefield practical proofs of their professional skill.

For twenty years they have left no stone unturned to make the army and navy as strong as they can possibly be.

Ever since the late Ghazi, General Mustapha Kemal, first began to awaken the national conscience of his people, the expansion of the armed forces has been one of the first considerations. The great military victory of 1921-22 over the Greeks made possible by the political, intellectual and economic renaissance of Turkey after the Great War, is still interpreted as a warning against even the slightest slackening in the work of military preparedness.

Particular importance is attached to the training of a first-class corps of officers. From the first the Turkish High Command realised that modern warfare, with its new weapons, its revolutionised technique and methods which constitute a break with all tradition, calls for the highly specialised training of a large number of officers of all ranks. This principle has been consistently followed.

The last official figures, issued at the end of 1939, showed a peace-time strength of twenty thousand officers. The adverse effect of the absence of such a

are attacking ships far out in the Atlantic. Losses from the last-named cause have become relatively serious, but one answer to the sea-hawks is the equipment of merchant ships with anti-aircraft guns. Already many big bombers have been destroyed by this means. The protection of the trade routes is indeed "the greatest of the tasks laid upon the Navy," but an Empire which has found the Fleet equal to every demand made on it in the past will have no doubt of its capacity to keep the convoys, with their precious burdens of food and munitions, moving consistently across the oceans.

body of leaders, quantitatively and qualitatively equal to their task, has been proved by the Italian defeats. The grave shortcomings of the Duce's army in this respect sealed its fate and were a powerful aid to the fine strategy and tactics of the British in Libya.

The military policy of Turkey is greatly influenced by the fact that the head of the republic, President Ismet Inonu, is not only

By Eugene Lennhoff

a remarkable statesman, but himself a brilliantly successful officer. The President, whose military profile and sharply defined war-like features are in contrast to his almost fragile-looking body, is a soldier by conviction. His great victory over the Greeks at Inonu in 1921, when he was Ismet Pasha, besides adding a glorious page to Turkish history, earned for the President the name by which he is now known.

The Commander-in-Chief of the combined forces is the Chief of the General Staff, Marshal Feuzi Chakmak, formerly Feuzi Pasha. He is a man of fifty-six with a dark brown face from which eyes of a still darker hue gaze keenly out on the world. His movements are quick and sprightly. Chakmak is a powerful, dynamic personality with experience of war on several fronts.

He fought in Tripoli against the Italians and in the first Balkan war took part in the fierce battles along the River Vardar. In 1915 he commanded a brigade at Gallipoli, but came little into contact with the German Commander-in-Chief, General Liman von Sanders. Although Liman admired the clever tactician, the latter could not conceal his antipathy for Imperialist Germany. Later, Chakmak was engaged in heavy fighting against the Russians in the Caucasus. Towards the end of the war he was appointed Minister for War by the last of the Sultans. Furious at his ruler's policy of surrender, Chakmak resigned in 1919 and linked his fortunes with Kemal Pasha, who had just then landed at Samssoum as a preliminary to war with Greece. Both men were sentenced by the Sultan to death.

Chakmak contributed much towards raising the morale and efficiency of his troops. The Anatolian Turks were always magnificent soldiers and under their new leaders their dash and élan developed an irresistible strength. In his treatment of men, Chakmak combined iron discipline with

a paternal affection. He had a very large personal share in the victory of Sakarya, where he was in command of the Second Army and conducted operations, not from Army headquarters, but from among his men in the front line. In 1922 Kemal promoted him Commander-in-Chief and made him a Marshal. In the former capacity he devoted himself heart and soul to carrying out the reforms of his friend and master, Kemal. In one respect, it is true, the views of the two men diverged. In matters of religion the Ghazi was a pronounced free-thinker, while Chakmak is a faithful follower of Islam. During the war of independence the General would often break off the study of his maps to devote himself to prayer. At the same time neither piety nor an ascetic attitude towards his profession interfere with a healthy and vigorous enjoyment of private life. He prides himself on his dancing and is fond of a game of poker.

If the Marshal had little love for the Germany of William II, his aversion for Hitler's Third Reich is much stronger still. The repeated rejection of the Nazi wooings of Ankara was due in no small measure to Chakmak, who remained fully alive to the dangers with which Hitlerism threatened Turkey as well as others—especially after the establishment of the Axis. For this reason much weight attached to his decided views during the negotiations which preceded the Turkish alliance with Great Britain in 1939. Chakmak also warmly encouraged the creation of a native armaments industry with British help against Germany's attempts to secure this business as a monopoly for herself. Not all von Papen's threats and inducements could deflect the Marshal from his purpose.

The peace strength of Chakmak's army is thirty divisions, but in war two million men are at his disposal. Army mechanisation has made great strides in the last few years and a substantial proportion of the infantry divisions, artillery regiments and anti-aircraft and anti-tank units are now motorised. The artillery, which includes a number of fortress batteries for defence of the Straits, was always comparatively strong.

The Nazis fully realise the great qualities of their potential enemy Chakmak, and they respect and fear him. Their leading military organ, "Deutsche Wehr," has repeatedly praised his measures of army reform. After the summer manoeuvres in Thrace last year which made exceptional demands upon the army's efficiency, "Deutsche Wehr" published several long articles analysing the performance of what it called "Chakmak's splendidly trained and excellently equipped troops."

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ROYAL VISIT TO BELFAST

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester paid a surprise visit by air to Belfast yesterday and made a tour of the bombed areas. Their last visit to Ulster was in 1925, when they spent part of their honeymoon there. British Wireless.

MR. SOUTHARD TAKING HOLIDAY

Mr. Addison E. Southard, American Consul General for Hong Kong, accompanied by Mrs. Southard, left for the United States on three months' vacation. Mr. John Herman Brunes, Senior Consul, assumes charge of the Consulate from today.

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SINO-AMERICAN STABILISATION FUND AGREEMENT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the U.S. Treasury, expects that a Sino-American stabilisation agreement will be signed before Saturday.

Under the agreement the United States will advance \$50,000,000 to stabilise the Chinese currency with the Chinese monetary silver stock as security. International News Service.

LOOT DIVISION IN VIENNA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It was reported in Rome yesterday that a "very important" meeting of high Italian and German officials is progressing in the Belvedere Palace at Vienna.

It is understood the meeting is discussing the partitioning of Yugoslavia and peace terms which the Nazis hope to impose on Greece.

Unofficially it is said that Ciano and Ribbentrop are conferring.

It is expected that the Axis will wipe Yugoslavia as it now stands off the map.

It is expected that Hungary will receive the Backa region, in the north-east, and that Bulgaria will be given eastern Macedonia.

It is reported that only a small Serbian state will remain, probably as a German protectorate.

In Rome it is believed the Rumanian disorders hastened the calling of the conference. — International News Service.

Meeting At An "Undisclosed Place"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Ribbentrop and Ciano conferred at an undisclosed place in Germany yesterday to discuss the frontiers of Croatia and borders elsewhere in south-east Europe. — International News Service.

SIR G. WHISKARD'S NEW POST

Sir Geoffrey Whiskard, whose term of office as High Commissioner in Australia for Britain has recently expired, has been appointed Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of works and Buildings. — British Wireless.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
IT IS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED IN ATHENS THAT THE ANGLO-GREEK FORCES ARE HOLDING THE ENTIRE "MODIFIED" LINE INTACT AND ARE REPULSING REPEATED REINFORCED ITALO-GERMAN ATTACKS SUPPORTED BY HUNDREDS OF GERMAN 'PLANES.

It is reported that Hitler is "sacrificing the lives of thousands" of German soldiers in a ceaseless hammering with the aim of attempting a quick victory.

Despite desperate German mechanised efforts to achieve victory on Hitler's birthday, the enemy failed to break through the new Allied lines at any point.

It is further stated that the retreating Greek troops in Albania completely repelled two fierce Italian assaults despite support by German Stuka dive-bombers. — International News Service.

Larissa And Trikkala Evacuated

Continuing their systematic withdrawal in Greece the Imperial forces have now evacuated Larissa and Trikkala but the Germans have failed to break through the Allied line at any point according to latest information reaching headquarters in Cairo.

THE SITUATION IS DESCRIBED AS STILL SERIOUS AND LIKELY TO REMAIN SO FOR A DAY OR TWO. THE GERMAN ADVANCE HAS BEEN EFFECTED AT THE COST OF HEAVY LOSSES.

A "cautious" German advance is recorded in a communique issued by headquarters of the British forces in Greece yesterday.

Our Casualties Light

It says: "Despite continuous bombing the ordered withdrawal of our forces to new positions continues and is nearing completion."

"The enemy is advancing very cautiously, partly owing to bad roads and largely because of the rough handling he has received whenever in contact with our men. Our casualties are light."

VICHY CABINET SHUFFLE?

The possibility of a reshuffle of Marshal Petain's Cabinet is being discussed in Vichy, according to information from the French frontier received in London yesterday.

The German successes in North Africa and the Balkans, it says, appear to have strengthened the position of those favouring closer collaboration with Germany but it is unlikely that Pierre Laval will be recalled to the Cabinet as he is still very unpopular.

ONE POSSIBILITY IS LAVAL'S APPOINTMENT AS AM-

RUMANIA CIVIL WAR RUMOURS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Civil war has broken out in Rumania, it has reported in Budapest yesterday, as General Antonescu, the Premier, and loyal regular army troops strive to quell a rebellion of Iron Guards, Communists and peasants.

Heavy machine-gunfire was heard from the frontier all night, and refugees say fighting began in some towns on Saturday and flared into a nationwide rebellion on Sunday.

They say General Antonescu formally declared all Iron Guards enemies of the state and rushed his best troops into "action, holding tank units in readiness."

The issue seems to be a demand for the return of territory ceded to Hungary and Bulgaria under the Vienna Arbitration last year.

It is understood that further precautions following General Antonescu's refusal to accept the offer of Horia Sima of Iron Guard collaboration with the Government, provoked the crisis. — International News Service.

RUMOUR HAS WINGS

That the Soviet Government has begun transferring part of the Red Army from the east to her European borders was alleged in a cable from the Shanghai correspondent of the "Ta Kung Pao" last night.

The correspondent cabled that, according to reports from Siberia, the Soviet military authorities had taken over the Trans-Siberian Railway for the purpose of conveying troops to the west.

BASSADOR IN PARIS IN REPLACEMENT OF THE COMTE DE BRINON.

He would then be the head of the French delegation with the task of speeding up collaboration with the Armistice Commission, which would be transferred to Paris from Wiesbaden. — Router.

TIENTSIN'S EL DORADO PETERS OUT

AFTER ONLY FOUR DAYS, the Post Office authorities in Tientsin yesterday morning, without previous notice, suddenly discontinued the acceptance of money order remittances at the rates announced last week.

After the Easter Holidays, the Post Office issued a notice to the effect that International Money Order remittances would be accepted at Federal Reserve Bank \$17.14 for £1, FRB\$4.26 per U.S. dollar and FRB\$1.07 for H.K.\$1.

Applications were limited to US\$25 or £5 daily.

Announcement of the new rate resulted in a virtual stampede to the Post Office counters and a roaring trade was done in remittances. Long queues of eager applicants daily lined up before dawn in front of the Central Post Office to take advantage of the exceptionally favourable rates.

It could not be ascertained whether the sudden discontinuance of remittance money order yesterday was a temporary measure or presaged a change of policy. All efforts to obtain an explanation were fruitless, as the postal authorities steadfastly declined an interview and refused to make any statement. — Reuter.

BULGARIA ON A LAND GRAB

Bulgaria's share in the Axis land grab in the Balkans is outlined in a Sofia despatch to the Vichy news agency yesterday.

Yugoslav territory being occupied by Bulgarian troops is bounded at day by the River Vardar while in Greek Thrace the whole area between the Rivers Truma and Maritza is being occupied.

(This part of Greek Thrace contains the port of Debeagatch and has figured prominently in Bulgaria's long-standing demand for an outlet to the Aegean Sea.)

The despatch says these areas are believed to represent only the first stage of the occupation. The Bulgarian army will probably take over further territory later.

The new frontiers are to be fixed at a conference to be held, it is believed, in Vienna, on Wednesday. Ciano and Ribbentrop are said to have had several talks yesterday in preparation for the conference. — Reuter.

TRAFFIC OFFENCES

BEFORE MR. H. G. SHELDON, K.C., THE MANAGER OF THE DAIRY FARM ICE AND COLD STORAGE COMPANY WAS SUMMONED FOR ALLOWING AN UNLICENSED DRIVER TO DRIVE ONE OF HIS COMPANY'S LORRIES IN LOWER ALBERT ROAD ON APRIL 7, AND WAS FINED \$50.

Siu Teng-fat, who was driving the lorry was fined \$15, for driving without a valid driving licence. An employee of the Company, Lo Yim, was fined \$15, for allowing Siu to drive the vehicle.

Cheung Yuk-foon, was summoned for driving car No. 4051 without due care and caution in the junction of Pokfulam Road and Island Road.

According to Sgt. J. Hunter, accused was driving down Dairy Farm Hill, when he knocked down Police Constable D148. The car did not stop until it had gone on about 50 yards. The constable chased after the vehicle, and defendant said he had a bad brake. A fine of \$50 was imposed.

URUGUAY BRITONS DONATE

The British Patriotic Committee Victory Fund of Uruguay has sent a further £1,545 for the purchase of aircraft. — British Wireless.

"SUNDAY EXPRESS" DEMANDS GREEK EVACUATION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The London "Sunday Express," in an editorial signed by the editor, John Gordon, calls on the Government to evacuate the Imperial Expeditionary Force from Greece as quickly as possible.

"We should get our army out of Greece as swiftly as we can," he asserts. "It should never have been there." — International News Service.

WAR GAMES FATALITY

A FATAL ACCIDENT OCCURRED DURING THE LOCAL MANOEUVRES WHICH BEGAN LAST TUESDAY MORNING AND ENDED ON SATURDAY NIGHT.

This was declared by a military spokesman this morning. The war games were described as "satisfactory" by the spokesman.

The soldier involved in the fatal accident was Private Nam Ah, motor cycle despatch rider, who was killed on Friday whilst riding the vehicle.

No further details of the mishap are available.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH

Princess Elizabeth, who celebrated her fifteenth birthday quietly in the country with the King and Queen, Princess Margaret and a few close friends, received a large number of messages of congratulation from the Empire, many of which were sent by schoolchildren. — British Wireless.

EX-IMMIGRATION OFFICE CLERK ACCUSED

LAU YUN, FORMERLY employed in the Immigration Office at Taipo, and Wong Chai, unemployed, were this morning charged before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor at the Criminal Sessions with demanding money with menaces from Yau Tim at Taipo on March 13.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, crown counsel appeared for the prosecution. Accused were not legally represented.

The jury was composed of Messrs. R. A. Wickerson (foreman), Wong Sik-kwan, J. H. Chan du Loy, Ip Fook-ling, Leung Pui-yin, Wong Shui-kit, and Wong Sik-cheung.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, crown counsel, said that on March 13, Yau Tim, native of Hong Kong, went to Taipo in search of work and put up at boarding-house there. At about 7.30 p.m. both accused entered his cubicle and Lau asked him if he had an immigration permit. Yau Tim replied that he had not. Lau told him he had to get one and would have to pay \$25.00. Yau Tim said he had no money, after which Lau dragged Yau Tim to the street. Wong followed. In the street, they threatened Yau Tim that if he did not pay, he would be taken to the Immigration Office in Taipo.

Eventually the sum of \$4.00 was agreed upon. Yau Tim told them he had no money and would have to return to the boarding-house for it which was agreed. Yau Tim borrowed \$4 from the manager and handed it to accused.

Numbers Taken

The number of the notes, however, was taken by the manager and these numbers coincided with those on notes later found hidden under a stone.

Both accused were arrested that night, after a complaint by Yau Tim to the Police.

When charged, Lau did not admit the charge.

Wong said he knew nothing at all about the case.

FRAUDULENT CONVERSION CHARGE

CHAN NG TSUI ALIAS CHAN FOK CHO, DESCRIBED AS THE MASTER OF THE FOK MING SHIP, AT NO. 159, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, WAS CHARGED BEFORE MR. G. T. LOWRY THIS MORNING, WITH FRAUDULENT CONVERSION OF \$2,800, ENTRUSTED TO HIM BY A CHINESE BANKER, CHU TUNG, OF NO. 298, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ is for the prosecution, and the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo is for the defence.

It is alleged that accused was entrusted with \$4,300 by Chu Tung for the purpose of purchasing a specific bangle.

Hearing was fixed for May 22, at 2.30 p.m. Defendant was released on bail of \$4,000.

OLD FRIENDS FALL OUT

Before Major A. N. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning, Leung Kan, 67, retired seaman, was placed on a \$25 bond to be of good behaviour for one year for assaulting Cheung King, 37, spinster.

Det.-Sgt. N. B. Fraser alleged the accused had been associated with the woman for years. Several days ago, he visited her and demanded the return of \$10, which he had lent her last September, but she could not repay him.

Last Friday, both parties met in the street and exchanged harsh words. Accused was alleged to have thrown a bottle of acid on her, resulting in injuries to the forehead. The injuries were not serious.



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BRIDGE NOTES

DECIDEDLY IMPERFECT BIDDING

By The Four Aces

To-day's hand was sent in by our old friend Bill Lee, of Chicago.

South, Dealer

Neither side vulnerable

<p> ♠ K 8 6 2 ♥ 5 ♦ A K Q 9 8 ♣ 6 5 2 </p>		<p> ♠ J 9 5 ♥ 7 4 2 ♦ J 5 ♣ Q J 10 </p>	
<p> ♠ Q 10 4 ♥ J 10 9 8 ♦ 3 ♣ 7 4 2 </p>		<p> ♠ A 7 3 ♥ A K Q 6 ♦ 10 6 3 ♣ A K 9 </p>	

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass

North wasn't even close to a bid of two diamonds, of course.

But South's bidding was quite logical. If North had a real jump-bid, the combined hands would surely contain about fifteen tricks.

West opened the Jack of hearts, and well, we'll let Mr. Lee tell his own story. "When dummy came down I swallowed

my tonsils, but recovered and took inventory. Two rounds of hearts, with East playing deuce then four, indicated a five-card suit on my left. Two rounds of diamonds dropped East's Jack, showing the distribution of that suit. And the Ace-King of clubs caused East to make a crack about bidding three-card suits. That gave me a count on all four suits!

"I cashed the third high heart, discarding dummy's low club, and ran the rest of the diamonds. At the end, dummy had three spades and a diamond; while I had two spades, a heart, and a club. East, with three spades and the high club, had to release a spade; whereupon I parted with the club. Now it was West's turn to be squeezed!

"Said my partner, 'I guess that was perfect bidding, eh?' What could I say!"

All we can say is that North was lucky to have a partner who could play well enough to make up for his overbidding.

* * *

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner, and with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ K J	
♥ K J 9 4	
♦ 8 5	
♣ A J 9 3 2	

The bidding:

Maier	Jacoby	You	Schenker
1♠	1NT	Dbl.	Pass
Pass	2♥	Dbl.	Pass
Pass	3♣	Dbl.	Pass
Pass	3♦	(?)	

ANSWER: Double. This is the one suit you are best prepared to defend against. If this contract is allowed to stand, you may collect a small fortune. Score 100% for double, 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 696

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues.

Maier	Jacoby	You	Schenker
1♠	1NT	Dbl.	Pass
Pass	2♥	Dbl.	Pass
Pass	3♣	Dbl.	Pass
Pass	3♦	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer To-morrow.)

(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

LABOUR SCARCITY IN GERMANY

Germany is making enormous efforts in industry to maintain its huge war machine. Before hostilities began German production was already on a war footing. The war, of course, took a large number of men out of industry and agriculture. Severe measures have so far been taken to conserve resources that German man-power is fully engaged. Ruthless compulsion has put every man at the disposal of the Government to order him where it will, and when, and to work the hours prescribed, though even the German Government had to yield on its refusal of pay for overtime work.

Women have also been called back into industry, to the undoing of the Hitlerian declaration that the sphere of woman was to be the home and cradle-side, and single women and others with few family responsibilities, or none, are subject to compulsion.

How many men Germany called out of industry for service with the forces is not known with any exactness. The way in which the loss to industry has been made up is, so far, approximately as follows: Drawn from reserves of man-power (men retired or formerly in other occupations), 1,000,000; women (in addition to the large number taken into the auxiliary military organizations), 300,000; additional foreign labour, 600,000; prisoners of war who can be used for civil work, 1,000,000.

Evidence Of Fatigue

There are still some reserves of women who, by a tightening of the screw of compulsion, might be drawn into industry, and married women are being brought in on a half-time system to work 30 hours a week. Little, if any, more can be done by longer hours of work for men. Indeed, the efficiency limit has probably been passed and there is evidence of fatigue which is detrimental to output.

There is an insufficient number of skilled men, and strenuous measures are being taken to train men in the works and in Government training establishments which some time ago were keyed up to the training of 2,000,000 men a year. Skilled metal workers are most wanted, and there is also an unsatisfied demand for miners. The movement of workers from one employment to another is prohibited except with the consent of the labour exchanges. Pages of newspaper advertisements attest the insufficiency of different classes of workmen.

Failure Of Transport

How Germany will proceed with further measures to meet her industrial demands can only be a matter of speculation. An effort is being made to recruit Swedes, voluntarily of course. Sterner measures may increase the flow of men from the occupied territories. Not much has been done in this way in France and the Germans have many thousands of French prisoners of war in France. There is also the possibility of bringing into use the factories of the occupied territories or transferring their machinery to Germany, always provided that raw materials and transport are available in sufficient amount.

In the opinion of some authorities who are studying conditions in Germany, the failure of transport may be more decisive than the insufficiency of labour or materials. Transport is one of the most important governing factors in Germany's industrial war effort.

'DON'T TELL AUNTIE'

The "Careless talk may give away vital secrets" placards used widely in Britain now have their counterparts in the United States war department.

New posters adorn the army's central offices in Washington. Decorated with cartoons, they bear the words: "Don't tell auntie or uncle or Cousin Jane and certainly not your girl." — Associated Press.



No matter how much effort you put into trying there's always room for improvement.

DUKE'S ORCHIDS

Settlement of a libel action in which the plaintiff was the Duke of Westminster and the defendants "Daily Mirror Newspapers, Ltd., was announced to Mr. Justice Wrottesley in the King's Bench Division.

Mr. Valentine Holmes, for the Duke of Westminster, said that a short time ago the "Daily Mirror" under the heading "Cassandra" and the title "Fragrant Fragments" published this:

Six hundred and forty-three children under sixteen were killed in air raids during the month of October.

The Duke of Westminster's famous collection of orchids has arrived in Florida in fifteen packing-cases and will be cared for until the end of the war by an expert florist.

"The obvious suggestion," said Mr. Holmes, "that the Duke is spending money in sending orchids to America and having them cared for there while poor children whose parents cannot afford to send them across the water are being killed is as offensive and damaging as it is untrue. How widely such unfounded statements can be spread and how damaging they can be is perhaps best shown by the fact that the announcer on the Bremen Radio, who is usually known as Lord Haw Haw, repeated them for German propaganda purposes.

"Not only is this statement untrue, but it is the exact reverse of the truth. Since the outbreak of war the Duke has been at very great pains to cut down his expenditure on his hothouses and flower gardens to an absolute minimum and to use them only in a way which will assist the national effort to produce food."

Counsel added that the Duke had sold orchid plants of great value and a number had been resold to the United States, which produced American currency for this country. This action was not brought to put any money in his own pocket and as soon as the true facts were brought to their notice the defendants indicated their willingness to do everything in their power to avert the consequences of the mistake into which they had unwittingly fallen.

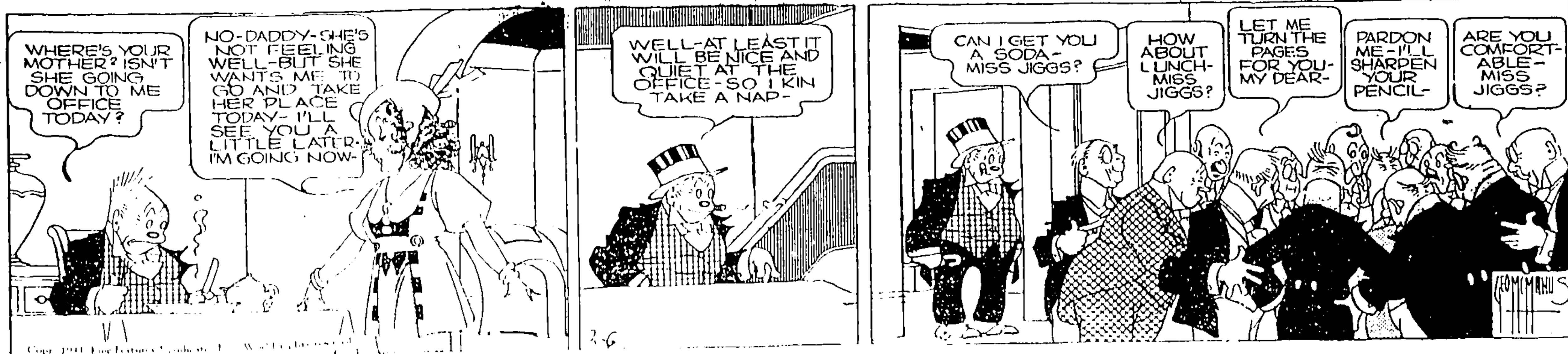
The Duke had therefore agreed to a settlement on terms which involved the payment of a sum of money which he would hand over to a charity concerning itself with the interests of children who suffered in air raids.

Mr. G. O. Slade, for the defendants, said they desired to express their sincere regret to the Duke for having been misled into publishing a statement about him which they now knew to be entirely without foundation. The statement which appeared in the "Daily Mirror" and other newspapers emanated from a source which had hitherto been found reliable.

Mr. Justice Wrottesley allowed the record in the case to be withdrawn.

Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Growth After Maturity

Vitamin E, in general, is present in adequate amounts in our average daily diet, and only in rare instances need it be taken in concentrated doses. It is an essential factor in growth after sexual maturity for it apparently has a specific effect upon the process involved in reproduction.

Dr. Chester Funk and Dr. Harry Dubin, professors in vitamin research state: "The human requirements for Vitamin E are not definitely known. The effect of E deficiency have been observed accurately in animals. In rats, there is paralysis of the hind leg, loss of hair, degeneration of sexual organs, and death of the unborn young. In chickens, there is a low percentage of hatchable eggs, as well as a high mortality of newly hatched chicks."

Which Foods Contain Vitamin E?

As healthy skin, fertility, good lactation, abundant hair growth and a specific resistance to genital infection are dependent upon sufficient Vitamin E, it is good to know that these foods contain it: Corn Oil, Hemp Seed Oil, Labeled Oil, Lettuce, Spinach, Watercress, Milk, Eggs, Mussels, Meat, Fish, Peanut, Molasses, Legumes, Whole Grains, Wheat Germ Oil and nearly all of the green leafy plant life which we include in our menu.

Experiments have indicated that the action of Vitamin E in the correction of habitual miscarriage has been enhanced by addition of calcium, iron, and phosphorus, together with Vitamins A and D in concentrate form.

Essential Minerals Explained

You may be confused when you are told to determine whether you are getting sufficient Vitamins and Minerals in your food. If you have been following these Vitamin series you know pretty well which foods contain them. Now for the minerals.



RITA HAYWORTH of Columbia Pictures. Abundant hair and exquisite skin texture are only possible when menus include all vitamins and minerals.

Calcium, phosphorus, iron, copper and iodine are vital and you may be deficient in them. You are less likely to be deficient in zinc, magnesium and manganese.

If you eat sun-ripened fruits and vegetables which are grown in soil which does not lack minerals, you should get sufficient of the minerals mentioned above. That is if you balance your menus so you eat some of all fruits and

vegetables and do not cook them to death. You are urged to eat as many fresh fruits and vegetables raw as is possible for it has been definitely proven that vitamins and minerals are destroyed by the heat of cooking and still others are dissolved in the cooking water which most housewives "pour off" and discard. One should save the water in which vegetables or fruits are cooked.



Bar work in a gymnasium also reduces fleshy upper arms. Here a beauty in the Dorothy Gray Salon holds onto bar at head level with elbows pressed back hard, as she raises her knees alternately and stretches them across body. Supporting leg is kept straight.

Fleshy Upper Arms Require Massage

As one matures and is less active, fat tends to accumulate on the upper arms. This area of the body is most susceptible to fat. This fat is called "hard fat" and it is not easy to banish unless one combines professional massage and muscle firming exercise.

Correct massage of fleshy upper arms does not mean pounding away at the fat bulges, it means reaching deeply to the root of the cause and breaking down that fat-maker. This requires toning, tightening and strengthening of the muscles—just as one would do by playing tennis steadily. The task calls for an expert masseuse who understands the formation of arm muscles.

Along with massage treatments a woman should practice daily arm exercises such as rowing, or the old-fashioned stretching ones—placing hands on shoulders and then flinging them out to the sides, back and up and back. You know, one, two, three, four.

Here are a few more to add to your reducing routine.

1—Hold arms out at sides shoulder level. Make fists out of hands. Then holding arms high

shake fists back and forth rapidly so fleshy part of upper arms shake like jelly! Shake hard, relax, shake again.

2—Hold arms out as in Exercise 1. Swing fists in wide circles as high as possible. First clockwise and then counter-clockwise. Relax, repeat.

3—Stretch and grasp hold of the top of an open, sturdy door in your home. It should be high enough to permit you to hang without feet touching the floor. Hang as long as you can then drop down and relax. Hang whenever you think about it. This exercise is not only good for giving the maximum of stretching to your arms but it also limbers and strengthens your spine.

3—For very fleshy arms on overweights this exercise is suggested. Sit on the floor, place right hand flat on the floor palm downward, about eight or ten inches from body. Without moving the hand a trifle, make your elbow describe small fast circles—a rapid shaking of the upper arm. When you begin to feel a strain in upper arm, stop and relax. Do the same with left arm. Alternate for at least ten minutes.

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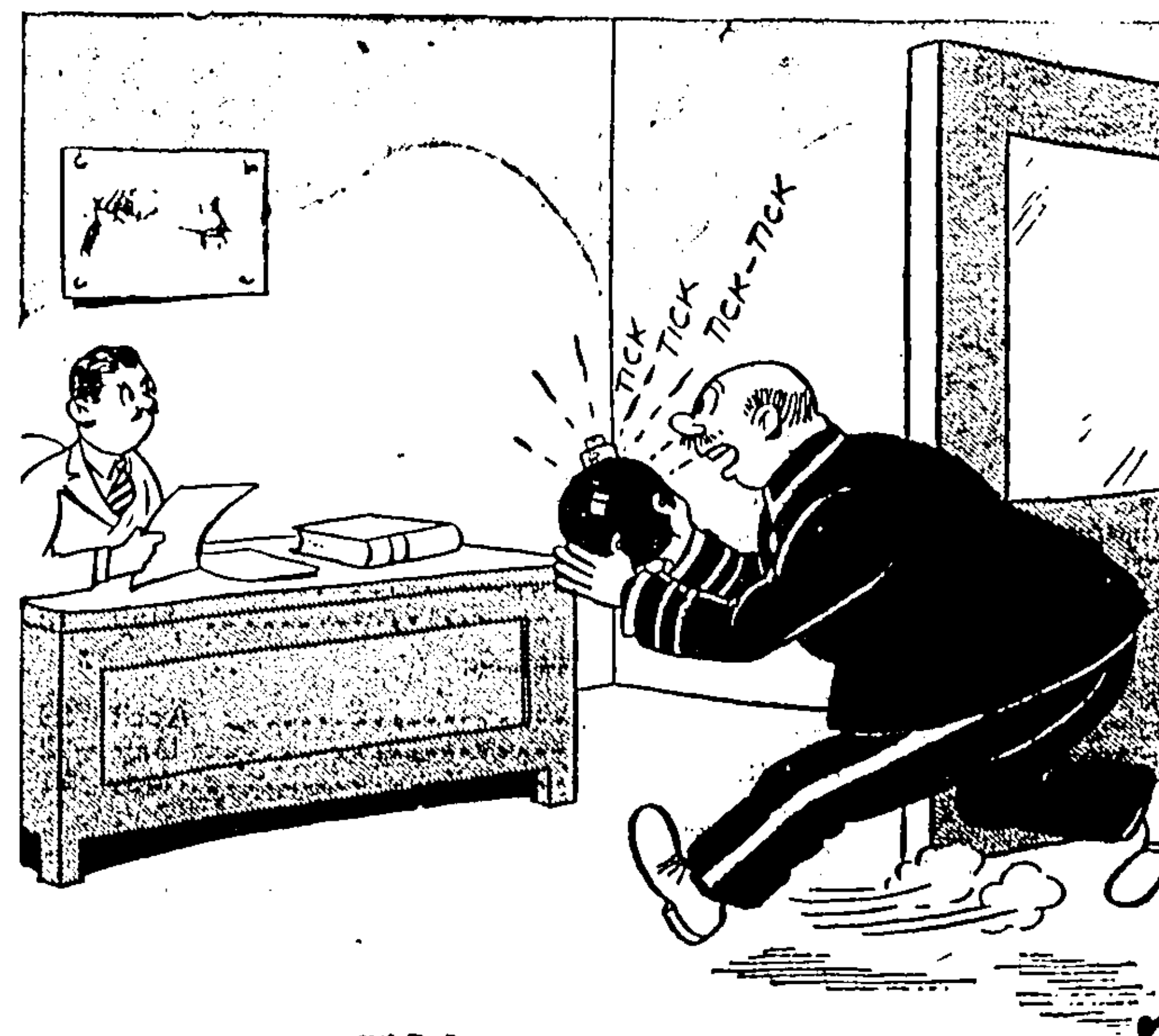
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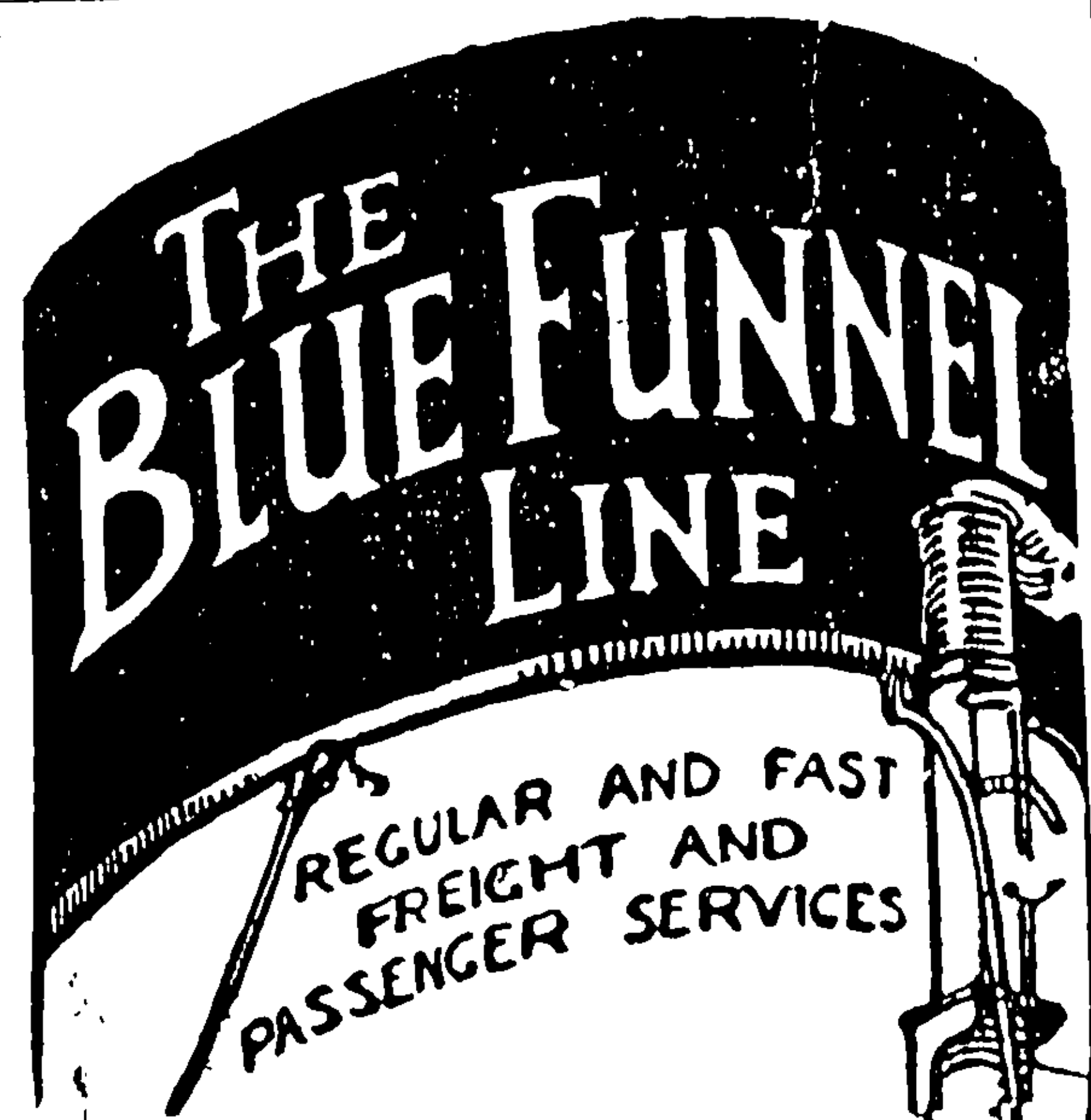
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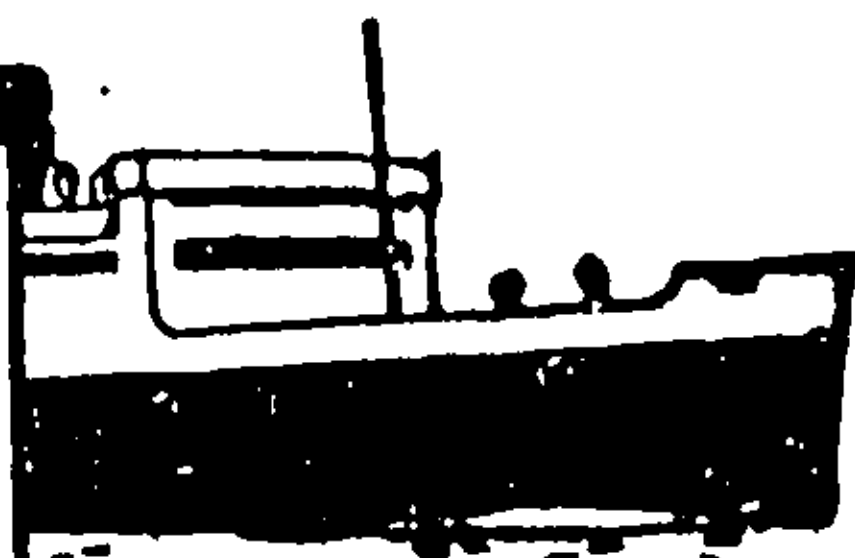
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6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
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Malaga (Ruxner), Poem (Fibich).
Barnabas von Geeszy & his Orch.
Passing By (Hartick & Purcell).
Hubert Eisdell, Heddle Nash, Dennis Noble & Norman Allan.
I Know of Two Bright Eyes (Clubsam).
Ely Maybourne (from "The Lady of Killarney") Heddle Nash (Tenor).
Hindu Song (from "Sadko"), Valse Triste (Sibelius).
Barnabas von Geeszy & his Orchestra.
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: "Britain Speaks".
7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.
8.02 p.m.—John Gay's "The Beggar's Opera" (Musical Version by Frederic Austin) Singers in order of appearance: Bruce Flegg, Roy Henderson, Constance Willis, Audrey Midway, Michael Redgrave, Ruby Gichrist, Linda Gray, Joseph Farrington, Alys Brough, with Chorus & Orchestra conducted by Michael Madda.
8.54 p.m.—Violin Interlude.
Intermezzo (Souvenir de Vienne) Otto Kyndel.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".
9.30 p.m.—Arthur Rubinstein (Piano) and Gali-Curel (Soprano).
Grande Polonaise, Op. 22 (Chopin).
Arthur Rubinstein (Piano).
Russian Nightingale Song (Alabieff).
Gali-Curel (Soprano).
La Cathedrale Engloutie (Debussy).
Capriccio in B minor, Op. 76 (Brahms).
Arthur Rubinstein (Piano).
Pavane Valse (Arditi).
The Gypsy & the Bird (Benedict).
Gali-Curel (Soprano).
Minuet & Trio (Schubert).
Arthur Rubinstein (Piano).
9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).
10.00 p.m.—London Relay—"Scots Abroad".
10.15 p.m.—A Light Scottish Programme with Sir Harry Lauder.
It's A Room Th' Toon (Lauder).
Sir Harry Lauder (Baritone).
Medley of Old Time Songs Sydney Gustard at the Organ.
Mr. John Mackay (Lauder).
Sir Harry Lauder.
Strip the Willow (Diack).
Scottish Country Dance Orchestra.
I've Something in the Bottle for the Morning (Lauder & Grafton).
Sir Harry Lauder.
10.35 p.m.—A Swing Programme.
Love Me, Or Leave Me, Why Couldn't it Be Poor Little Me.
Benny Goodman & his Orchestra.
Hindustani.
Bob Crosby's Bob Cats.
Lying in the Hay.
Oh! Johnny, Oh! Johnny, Oh!
Arthur Young & Hatchett's Swingette.
Plain Jane.
Ambrose & his Orch.
Someday, Sweetheart, That Da Da Strain.
Muggsy Spanter & his Ragtime Band.
11.00 p.m.—Close down.

'NO KILTS, NO FIGHT' THEY SAID

A battalion of the Cameron Highlanders, ordered to fight a rearguard action to hold Arras, refused to go into battle in trousers.

They put on their kilts and went into action with the bayonet, one of their pipers playing the same pipes on which his father played the Camerons into action in the last war.

This incident in the retreat before Dunkirk has just been revealed.

Though there has been no lifting of the ban on the kilt as battle dress, more and more Scottish soldiers are reverting to the kilt when off duty.

Among them are many Scots in the killed battalions of the Dominions. A number of these brought their kilts with them. Others placed orders to have them made as soon as they reached England.

"If they think they can stamp out the kilt by putting us all in khaki trousers they're mistaken," one young Highland soldier said.

"It makes me furious to think those fine Greek highlanders are allowed to go into battle in their kilts while our kilts have been banned."

All the Scottish kilted regiments which went to France with the B.E.F. at the beginning of the war took their kilts with them to wear when off duty.

MINES ADRIFT

Mariners are warned against two floating mines which have been reported off the foreshore of Lantau Island in a north-westerly direction from Adamaster Rock Beacon.

BOYS ARE BETTER COOKS THAN GIRLS

(By A Special Correspondent)

BECAUSE THEIR COOKING is better than the girls', schoolboys at Nelson Street elementary school, Birmingham, cook dinners for their masters four days a week. The girls do the cooking only one day.

I found a dozen boys between the ages of ten and twelve preparing a dinner of fish pie, cauliflower and potatoes, and a milk pudding, for their masters. Two of the boys were cooking a special dinner for the house master.

In their white aprons the boy cooks were busy over pastry-boards and the gas-stove while their teacher, Mrs. D. Douglas, watched them.

More Methodical

"I seldom have to correct them once I have told them what to do," said Mrs. Douglas. "Boys here are much better cooks than the girls. They are much more methodical with their cooking."

"Cooking and other domestic subjects are now on our curriculum for boys. They learn how to do washing and bring their own shirts here to wash and iron. We have a different course of boy cooks every morning."

What'll Mother Say?

Dennis Rudge, aged twelve, of Shakespeare Road, Birmingham, who has eleven brothers and sisters, told me: "I like cooking. Yesterday the boys turned out a special dish of sausages and chawl, brussel sprouts and potatoes. It was one of our special wartime dinners."

"I'm sure I can cook the Sunday dinner at home, and I'm going to ask mother if I can do it one of these week-ends." The headmaster of the school told me: "All the masters enjoy the boys' cooking. The boys turn out our dinners like professional cooks. But I must not say too much against the girls."

WOODEN SHOES FOR PARISIANS

Dress styles inspired by Hungarian peasants and Spanish dancers caught the eye of a large throng of visitors at Maggy Rouff's where standing room only was the order of the day. Spectators consisted almost entirely of private clientele, including some visiting Germans.

Spanish evening dresses were shown in printed crepes with wide skirts flounced with black lace and big black lace sleeves. Full shirred peasant skirts of checked silks were topped with black velvet boleros worn over balloon-sleeved sheer white blouses.

Day dresses featured peasant blouses and reflected the Spanish influence in boleros and treader sashes.

BRITAIN TO GET 15,000 'PLANES

Official sources revealed in Washington that the lend-lease programme now calls for the production of 15,000 'planes, 330 merchant ships and about 5,000 tanks for the British. Great Britain, officials said, has expressed hope that the U.S. will be able to complete this programme by July, 1942.

The programme, which also provides for large quantities of ordnance and food, will be financed by the \$7,000,000,000 war-aid appropriation.

Most of the planes will be tactical craft, predominantly bombers. Approximately 13,000 of them will be for the R.A.F. The remainder will be for the Fleet Air Arm.

Most of the tanks will be medium types, virtually the same as those being produced for the U.S. Army.

The merchant ships, officials indicated, will be similar in design to the 60 vessels now being constructed in this country for the British.

A large number of aircraft engines and a sizeable order of machine tools also will be produced for the British.

According to one defense official, the British are placing more and more emphasis on finished products from the U.S. rather than on raw materials. Germany, he said, is still far ahead of Britain in producing for war and "the British needs are terrific." The Germans, he added, have very effectively mobilised the resources of occupied countries.

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PLEASANT FRIENDLY SHOOT AT TAIKOO RIFLE RANGE

High Scores Returned Despite Poor Conditions

FINE RECORD EQUALLED BY C.P.O. HOPKINS

By "Pip"

A FRIENDLY SHOOT was held on Sunday morning at the Taikoo Rifle Range, under the auspices of Hong Kong Police Reserve Rifle Club, and some 20 riflemen, representing the U.S.S. Tulsa, H.K.N.V.F., H.K.P.R., and H.K.V.D.C. "shot it out."

Having inveigled myself into participating in the shoot, I was obliged, albeit not without various groans and curses, to turn out of bed at the outrageous hour of 7 a.m. and the on a Sunday!

In view of the fact that I was given to understand that the practice were to be fired with "peep" light, same to be provided for the convenience I think reader will pardon my groan when the coveted "peep" failed to materialize. Consequently, the H.K.V.D.C. even performed obliged to carry on with their open sight shooting, and strange one at that. Anyhow, methinks what odds does it make, after all you can't keep a good bull down.

Pleasant Surprise

Before proceeding further, it must be admitted that what little enthusiasm I had was fast dissipating, what with thoughts of the usual cut and dried procedure associated with rifle meetings, and the disappointment at not being able to score a wash out with a "peep."

The pressure proved to be entirely unfounded, however, and the occasion turned out to be a most pleasant outing with plenty of very good, good, and not so good shooting. (The latter category is specifically reserved for the writer). For those who wanted it, and who didn't, sudden change in the shape of sandwiches of varying sizes, and savoury together with liquid refreshments, both stimulating and not so stimulating, were also in abundance.

Apparently, Mr. A. C. Chan, the general secretary of the H.K.P.R.C., had left nothing to chance, as even a medico was among those present in the person of Dr. Richardson, of U.S.S. Tulsa. Incidentally, the Doc seemed to be pretty good with his medicine and fired a mean pellet. Ranges fired at were 200, 500 and 600 yards, application, and notwithstanding tricky and deceptive light, which more than made up for the absence of wind, the shooting was of a high standard.

Record Equalled

Special mention must needs be made of the excellent performance of C.P.O. Hopkins, who blazed his way to an aggregate of 103, out of a possible 105. This score equals the record for the Taikoo

Range and, in view of the poor lighting conditions, obtaining C.P.O. Hopkins is to be especially congratulated. In reaching his total C.P.O. Hopkins dropped one point at 200 yards, and one point at 600 yards, and his possible at 500 yards was duplicated by G. C. Lee also of Tulsa.

Tulsa emerged winners, in their match with H.K.P.R. by a margin of 18 points, 500 552 the score being taken from the best six, and in the Inter State and Province Pair Shoot, the Michigan team (Hopkins and Stenholm) carried the day, beating Fukien (Carey Bros.) by three points.

Navy Still Tops

The closest match of the morning, however, was the British Navy P.S. Navy shoot. The former were well represented by Lieut. F. R. L. and G. J. P. Carey, C. P. O. Eskew and Lee did the honours for the latter and proved worthy opponents. The range was 600 yards, one convertible lighter and seven scoring shots. So keen and close was the shooting that the eventual winners were decided on the count out. Conditions were very poor while this match was in progress, and the members of both teams proved that they were no "fair weather" marksmen.

The Carey brothers fired consistently well, as in their wont, and F. R. L. experienced particular hard luck when he seemed to monopolise the bulls at 600 yards, to score six in a row and then, on his last shot, a magpie. Lt. Holmes, the unperturbable, using the open sight, fired very well indeed to aggregate 90, his 32 at 600 yards, being especially worthy of comment, and he was undoubtedly the best of the H.K.V.D.C. representative. Despite the fact that he was competing against aperture sights, his score bears very favourable comparison with the latter category.

Messrs. Chan and Thong were the outstanding performers for H.K.P.R.C., their aggregates being 92, 91, 90 respectively.

A very interesting incident was related to me by Mr. A. C. Chan regarding the H.K.P.R.C. It appears that their interest was stimulated in shooting by none other than W. (Bill) Hutchinson. To the uninitiated this may be a bad fact, and nothing else, but

TO-DAY'S BADMINTON

Following is to-day's Badminton Championship programme:

Ladies' Doubles

Miss M. M. Silva and Miss M. A. Xavier v Miss M. Ribeiro and Miss C. M. Silva (7.30 p.m.)
Miss N. Castro and Miss T. Gonzalez v Mrs. Torralba and Mrs. Zimmermann (7.45 p.m.)

Senior Doubles

V. P. and M. P. Young v P. K. Hoon and H. F. Chow (8.00 p.m.) P. H. Wong and C. Au v K. W. Choy and K. B. Low (9.30 p.m.)

Junior Doubles

A. I. Fisher and P. Winter Blyth v J. L. Anderson and W. Gillett (8.15 p.m.)

BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

Following were yesterday's Badminton championship results:

Mixed Doubles: Mrs. Castro and K. W. Choy beat Mrs. M. Ribeiro and P. Wong 15-7, 15-8.
Senior Singles: K. W. Choy beat F. Koh 15-2, 15-1.
Junior Singles: A. I. Fisher beat J. Odell, 15-10, 15-3.

For the sake of those interested, "Bill" Hutchinson was rated as one of the best shots of Shanghai and the Far East for the past 15 odd years.

Going back to the H.K.P.R.C. Mr. Chan informs me that it is only during the last 18 months or so that he has taken up shooting seriously, and that he was coached by Hutchinson. Having seen some of Mr. Chan's capabilities with the rifle, all that needs to be said is that they made a good job of it and this is further attested to by the high standard of shooting as put up by the members of this club.

Before concluding, I would like to mention that the rifle used by C.P.O. Hopkins, the Winchester Match Rifle, or, as they call it, the "Bull Rifle," appears to be a real work of ingenuity. There are gadgets on it galore, including about four sights, and I still feel that with a little more effort they could get that gun to shoot around corners.

It is to be hoped that in the future more friendly get-togethers will be arranged as, apart from improving one's shooting, they are most enjoyable affairs. Sunday's was anyhow, and add no end to the goodfellowship and comradeship so much desired in this little colony of ours.

Following are the scores of Sunday's matches:

TULSA v H.K.P.R.C.

	100	500	600	Total
Tulsa	34	35	34	103
Hopkins	34	32	32	98
Eskew	32	35	30	97
Lee	30	32	30	92
Stenholm	29	33	30	92
Kleinfelter	29	29	30	88
Richardson				—
Totals				570

	31	33	33	97
H.K.P.R.C.				
Carey, F. R. L.	31	33	31	95
Carey, G. J. P.	30	33	29	92
Chan	29	32	30	91
Chau	30	31	29	90
Thong	30	30	27	87
Tao				—
Totals				562

INTER-STATE AND PROVINCE PAIR SHOOT

MICHIGAN (Hopkins and Shoten-helm)	195
FUKIEN (Carey Bros.)	192
KWANGTUNG (Chan and Chau)	183
MINNESOTA (Kleinfelter and Me-bust)	179
TEXAS (Richardson Bros.)	178

BRITISH NAVY v U.S. NAVY

BRITISH NAVY	
F. R. L. Carey, Lieut.	4 4 5 4 4 4—29
G. J. P. Carey, Lieut.	5 4 5 4 4 5—32
Totals	91

U.S. NAVY	
F. Eskew, C.P.O.	5 4 4 5 4 3—30
G. C. Lee	4 5 4 5 5 4—31
Totals	61

Winners on count-out.

DOYLE THINKS CONN CAN BEAT LOUIS

JACK DOYLE, the big sporting odds man, not only thinks Billy Conn has a chance to win the heavyweight championship from Joe Louis but goes into boxing history to prove his point, writes Larry Rollins.

"Billy Conn" Yes, I think he's got a good chance. I don't think so at first, but I do now. He's pretty cute. So if it goes, the land, he's got to win, doesn't he?"

Doyle, a veteran raconteur, patted and then settled comfortably in his chair.

"Let's go back to the Corbett-Jeffries fight at Conty I and for a comparison," he began.

"It was August 14, 1900 Corbett, the smart guy, and he was smart, too, beat himself with his smartness."

Bob Fitzsimmons had won the title from James J. Corbett in 1897, Doyle explained, and lost it to James J. Jeffries in 1899. Then Jeffries and Corbett were matched.

A Big Boss

"I remember there was a fellow in New York then—Tim Sullivan—who was the big boss of the boxing, stronger than ten Mike Jacobses," Doyle said.

"We were at the meeting arranging for the fight, Corbett insisted on 25 rounds. Sullivan wanted 20, and threatened never to let Corbett fight again if he didn't give in."

"Well they signed for the fight. A couple of days later Corbett came out and said he'd not fight unless it is 25 rounds, he didn't care what Sullivan or anyone else said. So they had to give in."

"What a fight it was! Which brings me back to my theory and that Corbett outsmarted himself. He demanded 25 rounds and finally got it. If he had let them put it on for 20 rounds, he would have won."

Great Fighter

"That night he was a great fighter, probably better than any other time in his life at 34. But on the 21st round Jeff hit him with a left hook and he went down. But on he was an actor! He got up and looked back and pointed to a we spot on the canvas. It wasn't bigger than a dime, but he was trying to make Jeff think he had slipped."

"But he was hurt. That punch slowed him a bit. And in the 23rd round Jeff, who had not been hurt by any punch Corbett landed, knocked him out."

"Now Conn isn't the boxer Corbett was, or will be. Nobody ever was or will be. But neither is Louis in a class with Jeffries. Louis is slow and can be hit and hurt. When he is hurt he is befuddled."

"If this Conn is smart and keeps away from Joe's left, if he will get up when he is hurt, if he will stay and jab-jab-jab. If he'll keep Louis away from him and off balance for 15 rounds—he is a winner, isn't he?"

But suppose Billy should walk in and try to punch, should get cocky or careless?

"Oh, well," replied Doyle, "Then he'll get his head knocked off. But I like him. He's got a heart. He's a real Irish fighter."—Associated Press.

YVONNE YOLLE SETS THREE NEW RECORDS

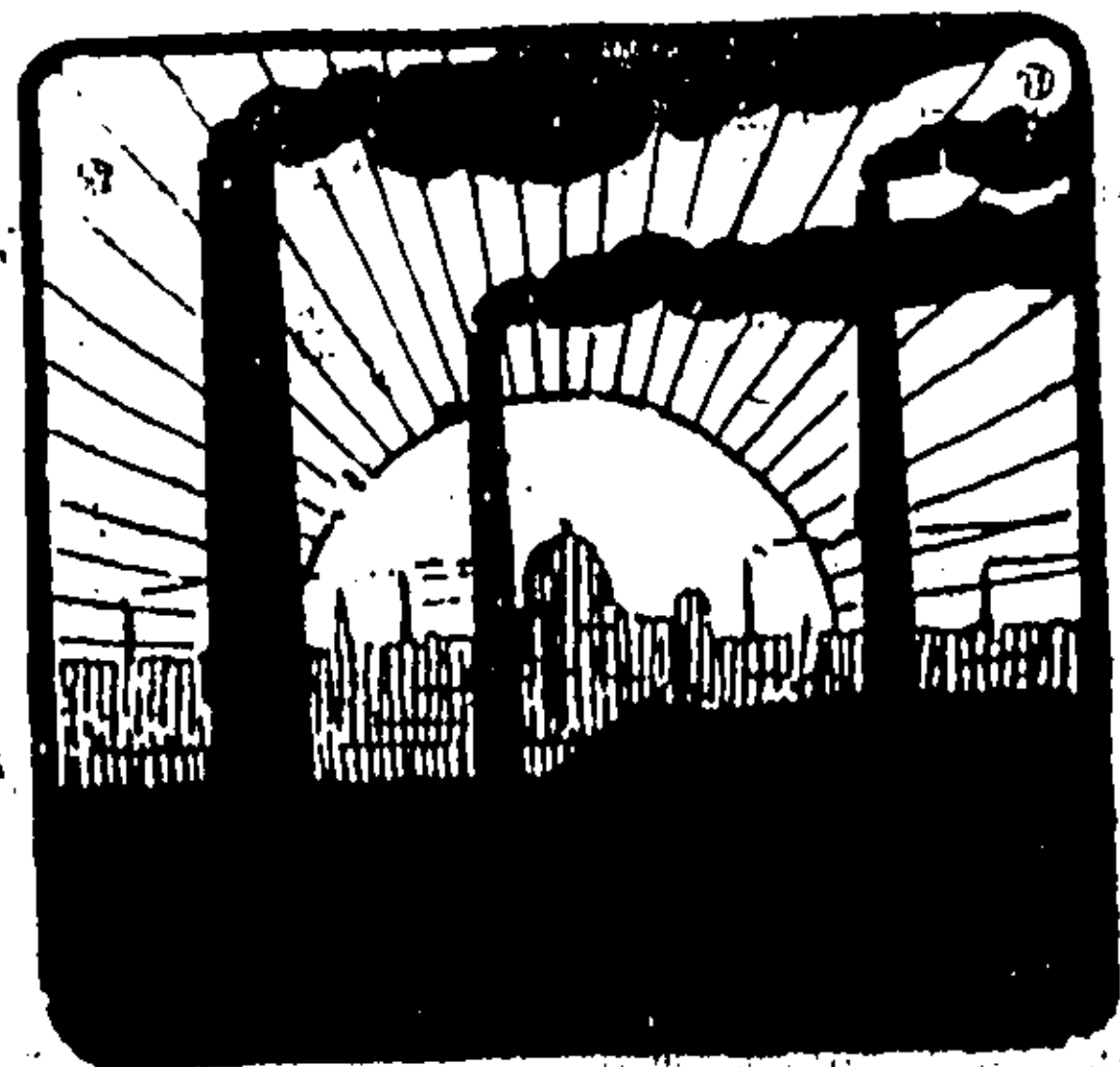
Three school records were beaten by Miss Yvonne Yolle at the Annual Athletic Sports of the French Convent school held at Causeway Bay yesterday.

The new records created were: Long Jump (Senior) 14 ft. 9 ins. as against Yvonne's own record of 13 ft. 9 ins. last year; High Jump (Senior) 4 ft. 4 ins. as against her previous record of 4 ft. 1 ins.; and Softball Throw (Senior) 167 ft. 5½ ins. as against Teresa Noronha's record of 147 ft. last year.

THE RESULTS

The results were as follows:
50 Yards Junior: 1. C. Yolle, 2. M. Swaine, 3. S. Hardoon.
100 Yards Junior: 1. C. Yolle, 2. S. Hardoon, 3. J. Chan.
100 Yards Senior: 1. Yvonne Yolle, 2. J. Curreen, 3. P. Pires.
Long Jump, Junior: 1. J. Chan, 2. M. King, 3. I. Brooks (41 ft. 8½ ins.).
Senior: 1. Yvonne Yolle, 2. J. Yolle, 3. D. Hardoon (14 ft. 9 ins. Record).
High Jump, Junior: 1. I. Brooks, 2. S. Hardoon, 3. R. Alarackia (3 ft. 6½ ins.).
Senior: 1. Yvonne Yolle, 2. J. Curreen (4 ft. 4 ins. Record).
220 Yards Senior: 1. Yvonne Yolle, 2. J. Curreen, 3. P. Pires.
50 Yards Backward Race, Junior: 1. S. Hardoon, 2. J. Summers, 3. M. Lewis.
Net-Ball Goal Throw, Junior: 1. M. Swaine, 2. M. Curreen, 3. B. Kovack.
Senior: 1. J. Yolle, 2. J. Curreen, 3. E. Tam.
Prefects' and Captains' Race: 1. I. Brooks, 2. Jamalee, 3. J. Yolle.
Relay Race, Girls:—1. Diocesan Girls' School, 2. Bellios.
25 Yards Guided Wheelbarrow Race:—1. D. Hardoon and S. Spencer, 2. L. Kwong and H. Alarackia, 3. S. Hardoon and M. Swaine.
100 Yards Hockey Dribble, Senior:—1. P. Pires, 2. Y. Yolle, 3. J. Yolle.
50 Yards Sack Race, Junior: 1. H. Stevens, 2. R. Azina, 3. M. Mul.
Softball Throw, Senior:—1. Yvonne Yolle (167 ft. 5½ ins.) Record, 2. J. Anderson, 3. J. Yolle.
Three-legged Race, Junior:—1. H. Stevens and J. Chan, 2. B. Kovack and D. Pires, 3. J. Nesbit and J. Lee.
Senior: Yvonne Yolle and J. Curreen; 2. P. Pires and D. Hardoon; 3. W. Eng and M. Young.
Invitation Relay Race, Boys:—1. King's College, 2. La Salle.
Guests' Race, Ladies:—1. Miss L. Anderson, 2. Miss I. Castilho, Gentlemen:—1. Mr. E. M. Marques, 2. Mr. A. P. Silva.
50 Yards Siamose Twins Race, Junior: 1. C. Nguyen and M. Swaine; 2. S. Hardoon and D. Pires.
Dressing Race, Senior:—1. J. Ho, 2. J. Yolle, 3. J. Curreen.
Teachers' Race:—1. Miss M. Noronha, 2. Miss J. Chan.
100 Yards Past Pupils' Race:—1. Miss L. Anderson, 2. Miss I. Castilho.
Inter-Class Relay, Junior:—1. Class 6A, 2. Class 5A, Senior:—1. Class 1, 2. Class 3.
Inter-Class Tug-o'-War:—Junior, Class 6; Senior, Class 1.

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Army Not Withdrawing From The H.K. Football Association

Military Teams Have Successful Soccer Season

ATHLETIC MEET POSTPONED

By Squaddy

At a meeting of the Council of the Football Association held recently it was stated that a Military league might, in future seasons, be run and that all Military teams withdraw from the Association. This statement is without foundation as the proposal has never been discussed as to whether Military teams should withdraw from the Association. If this were true, it would do more harm to Army Football than good.

FOOTBALL

AT last the local football season has almost come to a close and Military teams on the whole have not done so badly.

In First Division Middlesex and Royal Scots finished fourth and fifth respectively. The former who have produced some excellent football this season, have had a great find in Thomas, left half, and who towards the end of the season was playing well above the standard of any left half in the Colony. He should be a great asset to the Army selectors for the next football season although the Army half back line is strong.

Royal Scots have been unfortunate in finding a good forward line. It was not until late in the season that they promoted Audi as centre forward where he has greatly impressed their selection committee and finished top goalscorer in the Colony with 26 goals to his credit.

The Second Division saw Army in a more prominent position by having Royal Engineers as winners and Royal Army Service Corps runners-up, and with the latter also as winners of the Junior Shield which they retained for the Army for the third successive year.

R.A.S.C. have also set up a new record for goals scored in one season by getting 106 thus beating the old record of 95 goals.

Royal Engineers only lost one league match during the season and finished six points in front of the runners-up.

The Third Division this season was a tight thing with Royal Air Force and Royal Signals playing off for the title which resulted in a win for the Armed.

Air Force have been very unlucky during the season by losing several of their players, but they still managed to keep afloat and well deserved their victory.

Following are winners of the various competitions organized by Army.

FOOTBALL

Small Units Knockout Competition. Winners: H.Q. Coy., 1st Bn. Middlesex Regt. Runners-up: 2nd Bn. Royal Scots.

RUGBY

Small Units. Winners: Royal Engineers. Runners-up: 2nd Bn. Royal Scots.

Large Units League

Winners: Royal Engineers. Runners-up: Royal Artillery.

Seven-a-Side

Winners: Royal Engineers. Runners-up: 5th A.A. Regt., R.A.

CRICKET

Large Units. Winners: Royal Engineers. Runners-up: Combined Small Units.

Small Units

Winners: Royal Army Service Corps. Runners-up: 5th A.A. Regt., R.A.

HOCKEY

Large Units. Winners: 1st Bn., Middlesex Regt. Runners-up: 2/14th Punjab Regt.

Small Units Knockout Competition

Winners: 30th Hvy. Bty., R.A. Runners-up: 3rd Med. Bty., H.K.S.R.A.

Six-a-Side

Winners: Runners-up:

CROSS COUNTRY

Indian Units Run. Winners: 1st H.K. Regt., H.K.S.R.A. Runners-up: 2/14th Punjab Regt.

British Units Run

Winners: 1st Bn., Middlesex Regt. Runners-up: 2nd Bn., Royal Scots.

BOXING

Inter-Unit Novices. Winners: 2nd Bn., Royal Scots. Runners-up: 1st Bn., Middlesex Regt.

Inter-Unit Team Competition. Winners: 2nd Bn., Royal Scots. Runners-up: 1st Bn., Middlesex Regt.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's Tennis Championship programme.

OPEN DOUBLES

Semi-Final

Tsun Wai-pui and Tsui Yan-pui v. G. W. Sewell and D. M. MacDougall (Stand Court)

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Semi-Final

C. H. R. Oxley v. F. W. Carter (7). CLUB HANDICAP DOUBLES. L. M. S. Lloyd and A. D. Humphreys (3/6) v. R. H. Blake and H. C. D. Knight (3/6) (4)

FRANCE "PURGES" JEFF DICKSON

The fifth list of "purges" Paris business firms, which appeared in a recent official journal, contained the sports company headed by an American, Jeff Dickson, who during the 20 years between the World War and the present war was France's outstanding sports promoter, states a message from Vichy dated April 5.

Jeff, a native of Jackson, Miss., came to France with the A.E.F. signal corps as a frontline photographer. A small-size Tex Rickard, he rapidly monopolised French sports and had a virtual monopoly on French boxing, wrestling and ice-hockey. Because of his successful sports promotions he won great popularity and was knighted by the French Government in the Legion of Honour.

Launched Sonja Henie

Dickson interested the skating star, Sonja Henie, in professional exhibitions and finally sent her to America after several successful seasons in her Paris Palais des Sports.

Jeff gathered enormous publicity. At one time he was named a potential savior of Sonja but the romance never materialised. More than a year before the present war Jeff scented the conflict and closed the Sports Palace. He went home and married a wealthy Boston girl and never came back.

Dickson did more for French boxing than anyone since Georges Carpentier. He developed, among others, the former world champion Primo Carnera. His keen business sense was best reflected by the considerable fortune he acquired during the days of the Popular Front when he rented his Palais des Sports to rival political parties for their rallies. He cooked up bitter oratorical rivalry between the leading political parties throughout the winters of 1935 and 1936 and never had a vacant night.

The decree named two administrators of his sports combine. All the other firms on the list were given new administrators under the anti-Jewish law but Dickson lost control of the firm because of absent ownership.—United Press.

CHINESE CHESS CONTEST

The local Chinese have organised a chess contest in support of the Aeroplane Fund Campaign launched by Chinese artists in Hong Kong. The tournament will commence at the beginning of next month. It is learned that two of the nation's ace chess players will participate.

ARMSTRONG'S EXIT: ZIVIC IS PRAISED FOR FINE VICTORY

HENRY ARMSTRONG was nursing painful wounds in seclusion while Fritz Zivic, having battered the once cyclonic Armstrong out of pugilism, was looking for more worlds to conquer as holder of the world welterweight championship he won from Armstrong last October, writes J. P. Dawson from New York.

In the aftermath of Armstrong's farewell battle there were sympathy for a gallant warrior, admiration for his courage and marvellous resistance to punishment as well as a new and better appraisal of Zivic as a fighter and champion.

The only fighter ever to hold three world championships at the same time—the featherweight, lightweight and welterweight crowns—Armstrong took his leave of the sport with the distinction of having contributed to drawing the largest crowd ever assembled in Madison Square Garden for a sports event, and that means the largest indoor sports crowd in the world.

All Records Broken

The gathering of 23,190 paid \$78,242 for the spectacle. It was estimated that more than 5,000 fans were turned away. The Jimmy McLarnin-Ray Miller bout of March 22, 1929, drew the old record crowd, 21,712. The records proved erroneous a belief that Jim Maloney and Jack Delaney held the previous record. Their battle on Feb. 18, 1927, drew 20,000 persons, \$18,184 paid. The Golden Gloves amateur tournament has touched 22,000 as its peak.

Zivic's immediate ring future is uncertain. He injured his left hand in the tenth round and the hand was so swollen the champion cancelled a fight with Promoter Mike Jacobs of the Twentieth Century S.C. to Miami in order to go to Pittsburgh for treatment. Until Zivic's hand is normal, Manager Luke Carney said, he would not commit the champion to a bout, although proposals have been made for a return match between Zivic and Lew Jenkins, the world lightweight champion.

Treated By Doctor

Armstrong had his wounds treated at the office of Dr. Alexander I. Schiff immediately after the bout, and went into seclusion thereafter. After giving the beaten fighter more than an hour of

treatment, Dr. Schiff issued the following statement:

"Armstrong's forehead is edematous. The edema extends down to the cheeks and backward to the temples. The right eye has three longitudinal cuts. The left eye has one longitudinal cut. The most serious cut extends across the right eyelid, about one inch. In the mouth there is a laceration of the upper lip just to the right of the medium line, vertical and about one inch long. In the lower lip there is also a vertical laceration about half an inch in length. The upper lip was sutured with three silk sutures. The lower lip will heal of itself.

Until the edema (swelling) disappears from the tissues of the forehead and eyelids, nothing will be done. When the edema disappears an operation to remove the scar and excess tissue will be performed. For the edema to disappear will require at least five days or a week.

As balm for his wounds, Armstrong received 25 per cent of a net gate of \$66,817, or \$16,530. His ailing manager, Eddie Mead, visibly upset at the crushing of a fighting man whose management he undertook in 1936, collected the check. He agreed with Armstrong's decision to retire, and added he had several business propositions under consideration.

Zivic received about 33 per cent, or \$9,836. The champion was lavish in praise of the courage of his beaten foe. He was looking eagerly to returning to his wife and children in Pittsburgh with the biggest purse he ever collected.

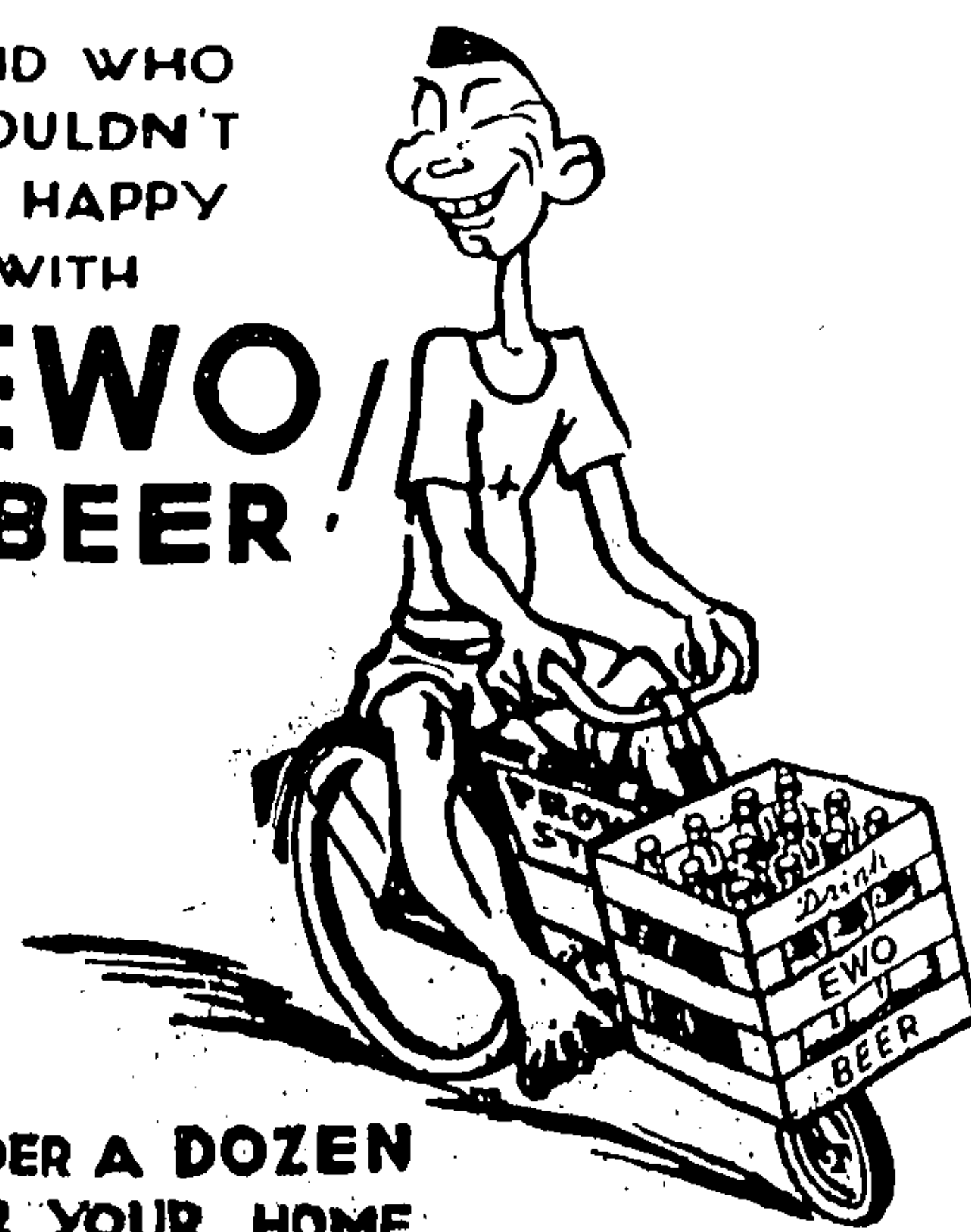
Chung Yung-sum, Eastern's right-winger, is still nursing an injured thigh sustained in the Shield Semi-Final against Royal Navy some time ago.

Rev. S. Hincheliffe, First Division referee, may not be officiating next season as he is due for a transfer.

G. Hong Choy, University all-round cricketer, graduated in the course of the past season and will not be available for University next season.

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SPAIN FLIRTING WITH AXIS?

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It is persistently reported in Madrid that the Spanish Cabinet is on the verge of a decision of the utmost importance.

Neutral sources are speculating on the possibility of Spain announcing cooperation with the Axis and possibly in an assault on Gibraltar or an invasion of Portugal or seizure of the Azores for use as a U boat base.

It is not believed Spain would actively aid the war but would assume a role of passive acquiescence, not blocking Axis moves.

JUNKS STILL TRY TO BEAT CONTROL

Fines of \$500 each were imposed by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson, at Kowloon this morning on Lau Yuen-chu, 21, master of junk, No. 1966V, and Lo Siu-kuen, 28, steerman of junk, No. 2210V, for moving 3,700 tons and 3,000 tons of petrol, respectively, outside the harbour limits without a permit from the Controller of Trade.

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Exchange Of Messages In East Africa

THE DUKE OF AOSTA, VICEROY AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF IN ABYSSINIA, HAS REJECTED A DEMAND STATED TO HAVE BEEN MADE BY GENERAL CUNNINGHAM THAT THE ITALIANS SHOULD LAY DOWN THEIR ARMS, SAYS THE ITALIAN OFFICIAL AGENCY.

He has assured the Duce that the struggle will be continued everywhere to the death.

JAPANESE TO OCCUPY FOOCHOW

ACCORDING TO CHUNGKING REPORTS, JAPANESE FORCES AT THE WEEK-END LANDED AT TWO POINTS ON THE NORTH BANK OF THE MIN RIVER, IN FUKIEN PROVINCE, WITH THE OBJECT OF OCCUPYING FOOCHOW, LAST OF THE TREATY PORTS IN THE POSSESSION OF THE CHINESE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT.

Japanese field despatches claim their drive in Chekiang province is proceeding speedily in all sectors. The Chinese admit the Japanese are driving inland towards the south-west. Reuter.

The demand, the agency says, was in connection with negotiations for the protection of the white population in Abyssinia.

General Cunningham is stated to have informed the Italian envoy that if they were to assume this responsibility, the British demanded that the Italians should lay down their arms.

The Duke of Aosta demanded confirmation of this statement in writing. General Cunningham then sent a message confirming his oral statement.

Duke's Reported Reply

The following reply was sent by the Duke of Aosta, according to the official Italian announcement: "I reject the proposals of a military nature which you have put forward without taking them into consideration."

"Responsibility for the treatment of the white population rests with you from the moment when British forces or native forces organised and armed by you occupy localities inhabited by whites." Reuter.

"JAPANESE" WOMAN FINED

Ko Ohmori, 39, residing at No. 10, Luard Road, was fined \$30 by Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning, for failing to report her arrival in the Colony.

Accused was remanded from last week, to enable her to produce her Chinese passport, which she did.

Detective-Sergeant Mann said that accused was refused permission by the Authorities to land in this Colony when she arrived in September last year. She managed to get into the Colony, and did not report herself to the Registration Office.

RAID ON A POKER "SCHOOL"

Wong Shiu-chun, 25, spinster, was fined \$50 by Major A. N. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning for keeping a "poker" gambling den at No. 928, Canton Road yesterday.

Twelve gamblers were each fined \$2, or seven days' hard labour. Table money, \$5.25, was ordered to be donated to the Poor Box.

NO BOMBS DROPPED IN DAYLIGHT

Enemy activity over Britain during yesterday was on a small scale and was mainly confined to south-east England. No bombs are reported to have been dropped, says an Air Ministry communique. Reuter.

CHOLERA WANES

Last week 32 cases of cholera with 13 deaths, and 204 cases of tuberculosis with 142 deaths, were notified to the Health authorities. Yesterday there were two cases of cholera.

Army's Novel Air Mail

A novel method of correspondence from the Imperial Forces in the Middle East will shortly be introduced.

It is called the "aerography" system, under which servicemen's letters will be photographed onto a miniature film which will be sent to Britain by air for enlarged copies to be taken and delivered within a fortnight from the time of writing.

The system will permit more frequent and larger mails since

"NICHU-NICHU" CRIES WOLF

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Japanese newspaper "Nichi Nichi" published a report yesterday alleging that the United States, Britain, China, Australia, British India and the Netherlands East Indies have concluded a military and naval pact to check Japan's East Asiatic policy.

The "Nichi Nichi" further alleged that in case of hostilities the British C.I.C. Far East will command the military forces, while Admiral Thomas Hart will command the naval forces. International News Service.

4,500 letter negatives weigh only one lb. Charge for each letter will be 3d.

A similar mail from Britain to the Middle East will be introduced as soon as technical arrangements are completed. Reuter.

STOP PRESS

The last port on the China coast not in Japanese hands, fell to a landing party yesterday, it is disclosed. The Japanese advance party reached the city yesterday morning and the occupation was peacefully completed by noon. Reuter.

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